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Four potential sites for a proposed new garbage incinerator were unveiled on Thursday, including one on Heather Street — which did not go over well at city hall. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

City balks at incinerator pitch

Waste. Vancouver was not consulted ahead of unveiling of potential sites: Councillor

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City hall came out swinging against a proposal for a garbage incinerator at the foot of Heather Street in South Vancouver within minutes of the proponent, Plenary Group, making its case to a Metro Vancouver board on Thursday.

Coun. Andrea Reimer said it was "surprising" to see the address at 9001 Heather St. listed among four proposed sites, since the city had not been consulted. Another six potential sites have not yet been made public due to ongoing negotiations.

"Are you aware that the City of Vancouver has existing policy that prohibits the mass-burn incineration of garbage, and your site appears to be in the City of Vancouver?" she asked Klean Industries founder and CEO Jesse Klinkhamer, who spoke on behalf of the Plenary Group.

Klinkhamer backtracked quickly, saying he had only submitted the address last-minute when the regional authority prodded him for more details.

"That's just one site that we've submitted that we have in our project portfolio," he said, adding he had not expected the address to be made public.

But it was too late to stem the backlash. Within hours, Mayor Gregor Robertson sent out a statement condemning the proposal.

"(This) is the first time that the city has heard of this project. This is not a proposal from the City of Vancouver and is not one that we would support," the mayor said.

Fraser Valley Regional District chair and Chilliwack Mayor Sharon Gaetz said she was "elated" to hear Vancouver come out so strongly against incinerators, as she has been a vocal opponent for years due to air quality and agricultural concerns.

She said she had heard anecdotally that some councillors are against mass incineration, but she did not know until Thursday about the city's 2011 policies banning incinerators within the city and formally opposing them in general.

Reimer said the city would consider supporting other types of waste-to-energy technologies, but she would not elaborate on which types.

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Varied proposals

Seven out of the 10 proposals introduced Thursday were for mass incinerators. Two were for gasification plants, which produce lower emissions than traditional incinerators, and one was for a waste-to-fuel option at a cement plant in Delta.

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Dog attack not necessarily 'breed-specific,' say VPD

Pit bulls. HugABull also 'mystified' that debate has focused on animal's breed, not the stabbing

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Given the breed's unsavoury reputation, it's easy to blame Wednesday's unusual end to a common dog fight on the now-dead pit bull, but Vancouver police say there's a lot more nuance to the story.

On Wednesday afternoon, a 72-year-old man's off-leash pug approached a leashed pit bull at Kitsilano Beach Park and subsequently found its neck in the jaws of the larger dog.

Following an unsuccessful attempt to force its jaws open, police say the senior unfolded a pocket knife and stabbed the pit bull dead.

"In this case it's not necessarily a breed-specific thing," said VPD Sgt. Randy Fincham, adding the department doesn't gather enough data to suggest they field more calls over one breed or another.

Plus, he said, it's unclear "what involvement the pug had in instigating."

"I'm a bit mystified as to why it's not about 'How is the appropriate response stabbing a dog to death?' but instead becomes a debate about the breed," said April Fahr, executive director of Vancouver-based HugABull Advocacy and Rescue Society.

"You have to wonder, if it had been a Lab or a German shepherd, would the man have been inclined to get his knife out?"

Animal nature

> **"We see various breeds of dogs at times act out in an aggressive manner."**
> VPD Sgt. Randy Fincham

Fahr suggested many other ways to separate fighting dogs, including lifting the animals' back legs, spraying citronella mist up their noses or twisting their collars.

The VPD investigation found the senior had acted in self-defence — they say the law allows a person to defend one's pet the same as one would defend a child — and that the man carried the folding knife primarily for utilitarian purposes, so no weapons charges are forthcoming.

A vet later stitched up two small puncture wounds on the pug, which is expected to recover.

The B.C. SPCA will now do a necropsy and investigate the incident under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act to see if the pit bull was killed humanely.

The sun is shining, the wind is blowing and it's all downhill from here

A snowboarder enjoys sunny and crisp conditions at Cypress Mountain on Thursday afternoon. Both Cypress and Grouse opened for skiing this week, with Mount Seymour promising to open soon. Environment Canada is calling for sunny and relatively chilly conditions through next week. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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Air-quality study skeptical of B.C.'s 'cleanest LNG' goal

Pollution. Minister says province will study SkeenaWild report that predicts a 500% increase in emissions

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The province is unlikely to live up to its lofty ambitions of developing the world's "cleanest" liquefied natural gas, according to a new study.

The SkeenaWild Conservation Trust released "Air advisory: The air quality impacts of LNG operations proposed for Kitimat, B.C." on Thursday, concluding that without strong government intervention, the three proposed plants in the area "would produce a carbon footprint three times greater than the world's currently lowest-carbon LNG."

The projections are based on the "direct drive" production process, which burns natural gas to generate the energy required to power the compressors used to liquefy natural gas for transport overseas.

Assuming that the three proposed plants for Kitimat use direct-drive technology, the plants would "collective burn, in a confined airshed, the equivalent of 60 per cent of all the natural gas currently burned in the entire province of B.C. every year."

SkeenaWild estimates nitrogen oxide emissions, which affect human and animal respiratory systems, would "soar 500 per cent above existing levels" in the airshed if the projects go forward as proposed.

The study suggests using electrically driven compression (e-drive) from a combination of grid, wind, hydroelectric and natural gas to keep emissions low.

"From an air-quality perspective, it would be difficult to objectively claim a given plant is the 'cleanest in the world' unless it used these technologies."

Environment Minister Mary Polak said her government will carefully study SkeenaWild's findings and take them into consideration.

The ministry is also conducting its own study of the airshed, which is due in March.

"We know it is a constrained airshed," said Polak. "We recognize we have a whole number of proponents, and instead of looking at individual plants we will look to see what (the airshed) can take."

The minister said striking a balance between environmental protection and industry needs is crucial to harness the economic benefits of the LNG industry, but the government remains committed to a "gold standard."

All options, including direct-drive technology, remain on the table.

"We share the concerns about what type of technology these plants will use," she said. "We welcome any information that is presented to us. It's a high mark to reach, but we're aiming for the cleanest option for LNG."

Polak said discussions with the proponents are happening behind closed doors, but said it would be unfair to publicly comment on negotiations at this time.

"It's always about striking a balance," she said. "It's not about trying to say no to (development), but we have to make sure there's no threat to human health or air quality."

Any recommendations?

"We welcome any information that is presented to us. It's a high mark to reach, but we're aiming for the cleanest option for LNG."

Environment Minister Mary Polak

Natural gas burns in the background as Premier Christy Clark visits the Encana compressor site in Dawson Creek in April. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Waste could power farms, food crops or cement plant

Board hearing. Several proposals promote alternatives to landfills

The Metro Vancouver waste-to-energy incinerator in Burnaby on Thursday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Greater Vancouver's garbage could be converted into anything from energy for fish farms to cement beginning in 2018.

A Metro Vancouver board heard 10 proposals on Thursday for waste-to-energy facilities as the regional authority seeks ways to avoid using landfills.

One proposal that piqued some board members' interest came from Aquilini Renewable Energy, part of the Aquilini Investment Group, which is led by Canucks owner Francesco Aquilini.

Project manager Ben Horowitz said its proposed mass incinerator on a Squamish Nation reserve near Port Mellon, north of Gibsons, would deliver an innovative model of "industrial ecology."

"CO2 emissions in our model will be used for the cultivation of algae, the production of biofuels and the production of indoor food crops using vertically integrated greenhouse growing facilities," he said.

"We'll also be using district energy models that will produce energy that can power closed containment on land for Coho salmon facilities."

Lehigh Hanson Materials Ltd. presented a different proposal to turn the garbage into fuel and materials for its Delta cement plant.

Plant manager Kent Stuehmer said the technology could actually result in a net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions since the facility currently uses more emissions-intensive coal to fuel operations.

"There's no post-combustion residue," he said of the process, which is already used at Lehigh plants in Europe. "The ash from the fuel ... is incorporated directly in our mineral product ... (and) metals do not leach from concrete."

Metro Vancouver expects to announce six more potential sites in the spring in addition to the four announced on Thursday in Vancouver, Delta, Nanaimo and on the Squamish Nation reserve. One or more of them will eventually become the site of a roughly $450-million plant. KATE WEBB/METRO

Gastown

Thief swipes aboriginal art

A Vancouver art gallery has been robbed of nine pieces of unique aboriginal art worth $100,000.

Vancouver police say the theft happened at the Coastal Peoples Fine Arts Gallery in Gastown on Oct. 30.

Det.-Const. Daniel Yamniuk says the thief broke into the art gallery's storage locker and took off with aboriginal masks, wooden panels and sculptures.

Yamniuk says the art pieces are one-of-a-kind, and that they reflect the heritage and diversity of the artists who made them.

Anyone with information about the theft is asked to contact the police. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Get in the festive mood at annual Christmas market

It's that time of year again where pumpkin-spiced everything finally starts losing ground to carols and tinsel.

If you're downtown with some cash in your pockets, get a dose of holiday cheer at the fourth annual Vancouver Christmas Market, which opens Friday at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Plaza.

Dozens of wooden booths offer traditional German fare, handcrafted goods, carousel rides and cultural festivities, so grab a beer and a brat and enjoy.

And remember: There's two-for-one lunch admission on weekdays. LUKE BROCKI/FOR METRO

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Police confirm foul play in Surrey man's death

Police say foul play was a factor in the 22nd homicide of the year in Surrey.

Sgt. Jennifer Pound of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team says an autopsy has been completed on 44-year-old Mark Berry, but police are holding back his cause of his death.

Berry's body was found inside a North Surrey home early Monday, and Pound says the man had an extensive criminal record dating back to 1987.

Pound says he occasionally stayed at the home where his body was found but was not a full-time tenant. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BC Hydro. Smart meter critics seek to expand class-action lawsuit

Opponents of BC Hydro's smart meters are going commercial in their fight against the wireless transmitters.

The group Citizens for Safe Technology says it has filed an expanded class-action lawsuit against BC Hydro, in hopes of adding Hydro's commercial account holders to the case that currently includes only residential customers.

The group alleges Hydro's commercial customers face discrimination because they are not included in opt-out provisions offered to residential customers who have refused smart meters over concerns the devices invade privacy or create health risks through constant emission of microwave radiation.

Their defence

BC Hydro stands by its smart meter program, saying it will make the province's energy grid more efficient, sustainable and better able to respond to outages, and the B.C. Utilities Commission and B.C. Court of Appeal have denied an effort in the past to force Hydro to stop installing smart meters.

An organic farmer in Peachland, B.C., has become the representative plaintiff for commercial customers interested in joining the drive to certify the lawsuit against the power provider. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inclusion BC. Special needs students bullied by staff: Advocacy group

The head of an advocacy group says children with special needs are being dragged down hallways and locked away at school for hours, but the bullies aren't other students.

Faith Bodnar, executive director of Inclusion BC, says an online survey of 200 parents across the province suggests kids as young as five are being restrained and confined by staff in classrooms, closets or stairwells because of behaviour issues that aren't being addressed in other ways.

Bodnar says kids subjected to such treatment are being traumatized and excluded by their classmates, who are getting the message that they could also suffer the same experience.

Reports from others

The survey also says nearly three quarters of parents learned their child had been restrained or confined at school from other students or parents.

The survey says 49 of the families removed their child from a public school and that 80 per cent of respondents said the school district's failure to properly handle the issue calls for the Education Ministry to take immediate action. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kayakers display a "No Oil Pipeline" banner during a protest against the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline in Vancouver on Nov. 16. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pipeline opposition weakening: Poll

Northern Gateway. In 10 months, support for controversial project is up 7 points at 42%, opposition dropped 14 points to 47%

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Enbridge's charm offensive seems to be paying off.

According to an online survey conducted by Insights West, opposition to the Northern Gateway has subsided since February.

Support for the controversial project stands at 42 per cent, up seven points since Insights West last took the province's pulse 10 months ago.

Perhaps more telling is the fact opposition to the project has dropped 14 points, from 61 to 47 per cent in the same time.

Insights West vice-president Mario Canseco believes B.C.'s pro-development culture since the election, concerns over rail transport after the disaster at Lac-Mégantic and Enbridge's advertising blitz this year are contributing factors.

But the figures, if indicative of British Columbia's population as a whole, don't mean the proposed pipeline project is heading towards public acceptance just yet.

"We still see a lot of opposition in B.C. and the level of concern about the environment remains strong," said Canseco. "The difficulty for them is economic creation doesn't give them a social licence to approve the project, they need to talk about the environment."

Enbridge communications manager Ivan Giesbrecht said the company is trying to do just that.

"There are a lot of divergent opinions and we knew that going in," he said. "We take every opportunity we can to engage with people and show them we've done our due diligence. We're working very hard to meet the five conditions (set by the provincial government)."

The National Energy Board, which wrapped up public hearings earlier this year, is expected to forward its recommendations on the project to the federal government next month.

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Premier Christy Clark leaving for Asia trade mission to market liquefied natural gas

B.C. Premier Christy Clark is leaving for her fourth international trade mission to Asia in an attempt to sell liquefied natural gas.

Clark and International Trade Minister Teresa Wat will be visiting China, Korea and Japan, countries that Clark says are hungering for clean energy like LNG.

The Premier says she hopes to move the yardstick a little closer to securing some proposed LNG projects that are worth billions of dollars for the province.

Clark is expected to tour an LNG facility in China, meet with government officials and senior business executives, and attend a B.C.-Canada-Korea Natural Gas Forum.

The premier has repeatedly said that LNG development would lead to a trillion-dollar windfall that could wipe out the province's debt and create 100,000 jobs for British Columbians.

Last year, Clark went on a trade mission to Japan, Korea and the Philippines after having also travelled to China and India. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BC Hydro responds to queries on Site C's impact, costs

Dam. A 331-page response was posted on the CEAA website

BC Hydro has submitted a long list of species at risk that will be affected by its proposed Site C hydroelectric dam, after a joint federal-provincial environmental review panel found Hydro's original list "incomplete and inconsistent."

The environmental impact statement submitted by the utility omitted several species, including the endangered short-eared owl, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency panel wrote in a request for information this month.

In some cases, the mitigation measures provided didn't appear to have any link to the species in question, the panel suggested.

"Please revise the tables to include all species at risk ... and ensure that the links between species listed and the mitigation measures are clear," the panel asked.

For example, the impact statement proposes mitigation measures for one species of bat but not another, and suggests wetland nesting boxes for a bird that lives predominantly in agricultural fields.

Members also found that BC Hydro failed to provide — among thousands of pages of studies and consultant reports — information on the effect the project will have on loss of black bear dens and some traditional First Nations activities.

The panel also said Hydro included only past activities in assessing the cumulative impacts, leaving out the impact of other current hydroelectric projects, forestry and oil and gas activities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

An artist's rendering of the proposed Site C hydroelectric dam near Fort St. John. COURTESY BC HYDRO

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Many medical-marijuana users feeling outed by Health Canada

Panic mode. Mass mailing identifying recipients as pot smokers has some patients upset

TREVOR GREENWAY
Metro in Ottawa

Tens of thousands of medical-marijuana patients across the country are receiving a mass mailing from Health Canada exposing them as medicinal-cannabis users, and many are now in panic mode.

The letter, which Health Canada says was sent to 40,000 people, comes in a white envelope, and has a return address with the words "Marihuana Medical Access Program" written across the top, followed by the patient's name and address. Many say their privacy has been violated and fear their houses may be robbed and their home growing gardens targeted.

"I'm outright panicked," said multiple-sclerosis patient Suzi Berardini, who also suffers from trigeminal neuralgia. She said the mailman who dropped the letter off "smirked" when he handed her the envelope. "It's terrifying. So many levels of terrifying."

Laurie MacEachern, who represents medical-marijuana patients as director of the Medicinal Cannabis Patients' Alliance of Canada, said she is "supremely" concerned about the information being released to the public.

"One patient said she got her mail and the delivery man said, 'I didn't know you smoked,'" said MacEachern.

MacEachern said previous letters did not have the word "marijuana" on it.

Laurie MacEachern, director of the Medicinal Cannabis Patients' Alliance of Canada, is angry over Health Canada exposing her and others as medical-marijuana patients. Right: A closeup of the envelope sent to Ottawa pot activist Russell Barth (his first name is Lorne). COURTESY LAURIE MACEACHERN

Almost a dozen other medical-marijuana patients called Metro with similar concerns. Most weren't willing to comment on the record for fear of being exposed even further.

Health Canada deputy minister George Da Pont said the format of the mailing was the result of an "administrative error." He said the letters outlining changes to the Marihuana Medical Access Program, which take effect next spring, were sent to 40,000 patients.

"This is not standard Health Canada practice," he wrote in an email to Metro.

"On behalf of Health Canada, I deeply regret this administrative error. Health Canada is taking steps to ensure this does not happen again. Protection of personal information is of fundamental importance to Health Canada. We are in discussion with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada."

Response

"This is not standard Health Canada practice."

Health Canada Deputy Minister George Da Pont, in an email to Metro, who called the format of the mailing an 'administrative error,' and said 'protection of personal information is of fundamental importance.'

Political theatre

Ford's future up to T.O. voters, but he shouldn't get my job, says Harper

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is speaking out for the first time on Toronto Mayor Rob Ford — and keeping his tongue planted firmly in his cheek.

Harper jokes that he's heard Ford say publicly he wants to be prime minister, a notion Harper says he clearly can't support.

But when it comes to the Toronto mayor's future, Harper says that's for the voters of that city to decide.

"I've heard Mr. Ford's statements to the effect that he would like to become prime minister of Canada; obviously this is not something I'm in favour of," Harper said. "In terms of his future in Toronto, that is for the residents of Toronto to decide."

Harper says the Conservatives' position is clear: There are strict drugs laws in place, and no one should be buying or using illegal drugs, especially politicians.

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Senators rattled by RCMP tale of PMO meddling

Rattled Conservative and Liberal senators say they're trying to come to terms with the RCMP's description of meddling by the Prime Minister's Office in the upper chamber's business.

The 80-page court filing by the Mounties became required reading around the Senate this week. Emails back and forth suggest Stephen Harper's staff and his top senators helped to manipulate a Senate committee and its report into former colleague Mike Duffy's contested living expenses. The group also tried to quash an independent audit commissioned by the Senate.

"I am a strong believer in the independence of the institution and I think it's something we're all going to have to reflect upon in terms of going forward and how that relationship (with elected officials) should be structured," Conservative Sen. Bob Runciman said Thursday.

Liberal senators are also reading the documents with interest, and considering if anything should be done on the floor of the Senate.

"I've read the documents. I find parts of them very disturbing indeed, but beyond that I don't really want to comment," said deputy Liberal Senate leader Joan Fraser.

"It's going to take a little while to work through all of this and figure out what the ultimate implications are."

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Women freed from 30 years of captivity

Two suspects arrested, three victims rescued. London police say domestic slavery possible motive

Three women have been freed after spending 30 years held captive in a home in south London, England, including one woman believed to have spent her entire life in domestic slavery, police announced Thursday.

London's Metropolitan Police spoke about the rescues after a man and a woman, both 67, were arrested early Thursday on suspicion of forced labour and domestic servitude.

The arrests were part of a slavery investigation launched after one of the captives contacted a charity in October.

Those freed on Oct. 25 are a 69-year-old Malaysian woman, a 57-year-old Irish woman and a 30-year-old British woman, police said.

Kevin Hyland, head of the Metropolitan Police's human trafficking unit, said the women are "highly traumatized" having had "no real exposure to the outside world" for the past 30 years.

"Trying to find out exactly what has happened over three decades will understandably take some time," he said.

Police at Scotland Yard initially said they did not believe any of the victims were related. Later, however, they appeared to backtrack, saying the relationship between the three women is part of the ongoing investigation and they will not speculate on it.

Kevin Hyland, of the Metropolitan Police's human trafficking unit, speaks to the media Thursday. SKY TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The force also said there is no evidence to suggest anything of a sexual nature, but cautioned that the investigation is still not finished. Police would not speculate on any possible motivation, name the suspects' nationalities or say if the suspects were a couple.

The women — whose names have not been released — are now safe at an undisclosed location in Britain and have been working with severe trauma experts since their rescue, Hyland said.

The revelations don't answer numerous questions about how the ordeal began and why it endured for so long. What brought them to London? What freedoms, if any, did they have? What restrictions and conditions were they subject to? Did neighbours ever see them, did they ever try to escape?

It is not known how the women ended up in the house, especially the 30-year-old who would have to have either been born in the home or enter it as an infant, given the police timeline. She appears to have been held in domestic servitude for her entire life, Scotland Yard said.

Hyland said police were contacted in October by Freedom Charity, who told them it had received a call from a woman who said she had been held against her will in London for more than 30 years.

The Irish woman called Freedom Charity from what appears to be an "ordinary house in an ordinary street," said Aneeta Prem, founder of the charity that promotes awareness of child abuse, forced marriages and honour killings.

London police were keeping the exact location of the house secret.

Beyond saying that the suspects — now in custody at a south London police station — are not British, police would not elaborate on their nationalities.

Hyland said while the women had some "controlled freedom," police were still working to establish what sort of conditions they lived under for the past 30 years.

"For much of it, they would have been kept on the premises," Hyland said.

He said his unit, which deals with many cases of servitude and forced labour, had seen previous cases of people held for up to ten years.

"But we've never seen anything of this magnitude before," he said.

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Holy smokes, a new island!

A volcano bursts off the water and throws up a tiny new island off the coast of Nishinoshima, a small, uninhabited island south of Tokyo. Japanese officials said Thursday they'd be happy to have a wee-bit more territory if the Pacific Ocean doesn't wash it away. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online drug trade.

Internet wiz ran cyber-drug bazaar: Prosecutor

A U.S. website operator lived a double life, portraying himself as an Internet trailblazer while leading a massive online drug empire and trying to arrange the killings in British Columbia of five people he thought were interfering in his business, a prosecutor said Thursday.

Ross William Ulbricht, 29, was ordered held without bail.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Serrin Turner said Ulbricht had spent most of three years running an underground website known as Silk Road, a black-market bazaar for cocaine, heroin and other drugs.

Turner said Ulbricht sent $730,000 US to others this year to carry out the killings of six people, five of them in British Columbia. With the sixth person, Ulbricht was dealing with an undercover agent, prosecutors said.

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Quebec

Police nab 28 in child-porn bust

Quebec provincial police say they've arrested 28 men in a sweeping crackdown on online juvenile pornography.

Authorities have seized 28 computers and filed 61 charges, including possession, distribution and production of child pornography.

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One last shot

Supreme Court to hear Quebec gun registry appeal

The Supreme Court of Canada agreed Thursday to hear a Quebec appeal to keep its provincial gun registry data.

Records of more than five million long guns in other provinces and territories were fully destroyed a year ago, but a series of court battles has preserved Quebec — the birthplace of the registry — as the last holdout.

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Air travel

U.S. may lift in-flight cell ban

The new chairman of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission said in a statement Thursday that the commission was proposing greater in-flight access to mobile broadband.

The proposal will be considered at the commission's Dec. 12 meeting.

Flight attendants and others reacted saying that a plane full of chattering passengers could lead to arguments and undermine safety. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Montreal-based company Triotech had one of the largest spaces at the expo. They are developing an interactive, dark roller coaster for Cedar Fair Entertainment Company's Toronto park.

"We met them on the floor a couple of years ago," said Matt Ouimet, CEO of Cedar Fair. Triotech's coaster is scheduled to open at Canada's Wonderland in Toronto next May.

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Pennsylvania

3,2,1 ... giant mushroom!

A town near Philadelphia that's famous for fungus will ring in 2014 with a giant mushroom.

The 318-kilogram, stainless-steel toadstool will be lowered from a crane Dec. 31 as residents of Kennett Square count down to the New Year.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports the sculpture will be more than two metres wide and 2.5 metres tall.

Kennett Square calls itself the mushroom capital of the world because area farms account for about half of U.S. mushroom production.

The mushroom joins a slew of quirky New Year's Eve traditions in Pennsylvania.

In Bethlehem, residents celebrate Jan. 1 by lowering a 38-kg statue of a Marshmallow Peep, since the treats are made locally.

In Easton, officials drop a three-metre-tall lighted crayon because the city is home to Crayola Inc.

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Crowdfunding. Young entrepreneur's smart watch raises over $200K

A 19-year-old entrepreneur from Montreal is taking on tech juggernauts Samsung and Sony by trying to launch his own smart watch.

Like many startup companies, Neptune Computer Inc. has turned to an online crowdfunding platform to raise funding for a full launch of its product.

Simon Tian's vision for a better smart watch quickly won over the community at Kickstarter. Tian hit his target of $100,000 in just over 24 hours and passed $200,000 Thursday afternoon with 30 more days to raise additional funds.

He had the idea for his smart watch, called the Neptune Pine, last year and visited factories in China to investigate what he could have built.

The first thing that stands out about the Neptune Pine is its 2.4-inch screen, which he admits looks large on a wrist.

"Obviously the initial reaction will be 'Oh, it's big for a watch!' but we think a paradigm shift is going to be required in the future," said Tian.

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The Neptune Pine smart watch's large screen allows for web browsing, launching Google Android apps and making phone calls. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

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Cyprus university takes e-cash for tuition

Foreign students wanted. Move targets people pursuing online degrees from abroad

Cyprus' biggest private university said Thursday it will start accepting the digital currency Bitcoin as an alternative way to pay tuition fees.

The country had been a hub for international banking before suffering a collapse in its financial system this year, leading the government to impose controls on the flow of capital as it accepted an international bailout.

But the University of Nicosia said the move to accept Bitcoin was unrelated to the controls. Rather, it was meant to help foreign students in countries where traditional banking transactions are either difficult or costly to pay for programs such as online degrees.

The university's chief financial officer, Christos Vlachos, said the institution, which has about 8,500 students enrolled, is the first in the world to take Bitcoin payments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Looking ahead

"It's the gold of tomorrow."

Christos Vlachos, CFO at the University of Nicosia, extolling the virtues of the electronic currency Bitcoin.

The university claims it's the first to take Bitcoins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a galaxy far, far away

Biggest explosion ever spotted

Had it been closer, Earth would have been toast.

Astronomers who saw the fireworks show of a lifetime in April call it the monster.

The biggest and brightest cosmic explosion since Big Bang occurred 3.7 billion light-years away, but NASA telescopes did register the powerful death of a massive star, according to four scientific studies published Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this galaxy

Man lives months with corpse, gets probation

A man who police say lived for several months in a Detroit-area trailer home with a woman's corpse has been sentenced to probation in the case.

Dennis McCauley was arrested in the spring after an eviction officer stumbled upon the body of 72-year-old Ann Marquis sitting on a sofa. She had died of natural causes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Purr, leaves, roar, whee!

Karis, this uber-adorable lion cub of just 11 weeks, shows off her kitty claws as she plays in a pile of fallen leaves inside her enclosure at Blair Drummond Safari Park, near Stirling, central Scotland, on Wednesday. ANDREW MILLIGAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Douglas Coupland's latest novel, Worst. Person. Ever., is available from Random House Canada.

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Temp Recalls the Zombie Walk

I think the AmQex protest got so much press because the zombies that the cops handcuffed and dragged away left behind a wicked trail of slime and body parts.

Andy Kimura, the firm's third partner, was looking at YouTube over my shoulder and said, "I must say, Shannon, bodily remains really look great online." Andy was still woozy from jetlag after being quarantined for bird flu at Beijing Airport.

"Mr. Kimura, shouldn't you be showing the Chinese folks around while they measure stuff?"

"Not me. I'm Japanese."

"Genetically maybe."

"But my name certainly is, and the Chinese aren't so hot on Japan."

I said, "Hey, check this out — Sarah from marketing got 15 seconds with the Channel 3 Roving Reporter." To be honest, I've no idea what Sarah said. All I remember is her trademarked casual hair flip as she smiled while behind her lay a left leg covered in red corn syrup and vinyl black flies.

"Poor Sarah," said Andy. "Today's her last day."

Oh God. "Seriously?"

"That's life, Shannon. As we speak our new Chinese owners are measuring the staff lunchroom with a laser level. We are not a company that is in need of a head of marketing."

"Oh Sarah, I barely knew ye. Does she know it yet?"

"After lunch."

"Life sucks."

It was weird having every single surface of the building measured by quiet, methodical people speaking a mystery language. What made it especially odd was how they didn't really seem to notice or interact with the people in the building. It was like they were taking measurements inside a photograph, not a real building. Two guys in the meeting room were assembling a 3D model of the building using data brought in by the measurers.

I found myself missing Mr. Shoeman terribly. I decided to phone him in Beijing, and seeing country code 86 on my desktop phone put me in a better mood. I hoped he hadn't forgotten our plans for the future.

"Hello, Mr. Xu?"

"Hi, hello, yes, whatever — whoever this is, I'm getting a reflexology right now and need to focus my qi energy."

"Mr. Shoeman, it's me, Shannon."

"Ah. Sweetest lily of decadent western imperialism."

The zombies that the cops handcuffed and dragged away left behind a wicked trail of slime and body parts.

"Me so sorry — not understand."

I giggled: "You're still such a dick."

"Hang in there, sweetheart."

"What about our secret plan?"

"Our secret plan goes into operation within a few days."

"You promise?"

"I promise." I hung up the phone and turned around to find Andy Kimura and the two remaining Sarahs. "Secret plan?" said Andy. "So Dan wasn't just being paranoid."

"Imagine that," said Sarah No. 1 with as much righteousness as she could muster, "A traitor right here from within."

Andy said, "I think you'd better leave, Shannon."

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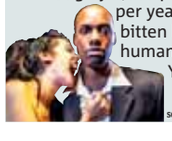
Random fact of the day

- Roughly 1,600 people per year are bitten by other humans in New York City.



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Random biz fact of the day

50%

Horrible bosses beware — 50 per cent of job seekers will tell their friends about a bad experience with an employer.

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The shift to temporary employment isn't just happening in Canada. The U.S. is witnessing the same trend.

- America added 913,200 temporary workers since the end of the recession in June 2009 (19 per cent of all new jobs), bringing the number to a total of 2.66 million in April. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Hiring for permanent full-time workers over the second half of 2013 will remain stagnant and will be consistent with the same period in 2012, according to CareerBuilder, LLC's Mid-year Job Forecast prediction.

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Past less litigious: Bosses

Lawsuits en route?

A recent survey shows that 69.5 per cent of employers believe Canadian workers are more likely to sue their employers now compared to five years ago. PHOEBE HO/FOR METRO

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Court stands by Berlusconi's sex conviction

Italian court. Former PM's conviction, seven year sentence and lifetime political ban explained; proof of intercourse not needed

The Milan court that convicted Silvio Berlusconi of paying an underage prostitute for sex at his infamous Bunga Bunga parties said Thursday that proof of intercourse wasn't necessary to find him guilty. In a 326-page document supporting the conviction, jail sentence and life-time political ban, said all it needed was evidence that "sexual instincts" were stimulated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Karima el-Mahroug attended a Berlusconi sex party. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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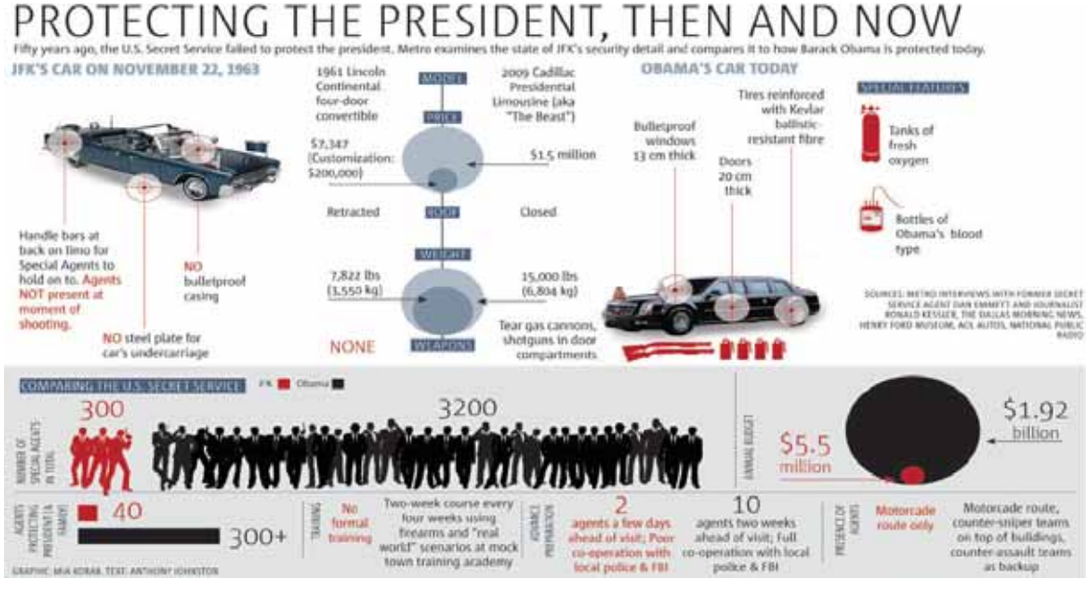

Half a century later.
35th U.S. president was fatally shot on Friday, Nov. 22, 1963

The 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy will be marked by solemn events in multiple U.S. cities on Friday.

In Dallas, where Kennedy was shot while riding through the city on Nov. 22, 1963, a ceremony will include brief remarks by the mayor and the tolling of church bells.

In Boston, the JFK Library and Museum will open an exhibit of never-before-displayed items from Kennedy's state funeral and host a musical tribute that will be closed to the public.

And in Washington, President Barack Obama will meet privately at the White House with leaders and volunteers from the Kennedy-established Peace Corps program.

About 5,000 tickets were issued for the ceremony in Dallas' Dealey Plaza, which is flanked by the Texas School Book Depository building where sniper Lee Harvey Oswald was perched in 1963.

Other events include a ceremony at Parkland Memorial Hospital, where Kennedy was declared dead, to lower the U.S. flag to half-staff. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Build it and they will come: Kano catches on

DIY. The $99 computer and coding kit surpasses Kickstarter target, with backers such as the Woz

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News in London, U.K.

Coder Matt Keegan, right, with Kano team member Nathan Miller, and the core components. METRO WORLD NEWS

"Search for the white rabbit," Kano challenges me, providing clues as to where the animal might be. Mere minutes ago, the sleek, orange-fringed computer was a collection of flat-packed components in a box, but with minimal fuss it has been brought to life, taught to recognize its owner, and now it wants to play.

Built around the Raspberry Pi — a no-frills computer on a single circuit board — the Kano promises to make us all creative technologists. It is the product of a London, U.K., computing startup of the same name, and a challenge from company founder Alex Klein's cousin Micah, aged 7, who wanted computer design to be 'like Lego.' The final product can be pieced together in 107 seconds, costs $99, and has generated enough excitement to crowd-fund almost triple the original target of $100,000 within 48 hours, with funders including Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, a.k.a. the Woz.

"There has been a tension between the specialists and users," says Kano coder Matt Keegan, playing a simple game he has just built on the device. "We want to lower the barrier to entry and empower children."

The machine can serve many functions of a regular laptop — web browsing, correspondence — but the main appeal lies in teaching non-experts how computers work 'under the hood.'

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Random biz fact of the day

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39 per cent of employers have jobs that stay open 4 months or longer due to the inability to find people with the appropriate skills.
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Snooping smart TVs?

LG Electronics Inc. said it is investigating a claim that some of its smart TVs send information on home viewing habits back to the company without consent.

The investigation comes after Jason Huntley, a 45-year-old IT consultant in Britain, detailed in his blog how his LG smart TV logged the channels he was watching and sent the data to LG.

He said the company continued to collect which channel he was watching even after he disabled the information collection feature.

"The (LG) server acknowledges the successful receipt of this information back to the TV," he said in an email. The information appeared to be sent to LG unencrypted, he said.

Also collected were the names of files saved in an external USB hard drive plugged into the TV as well as the TV's unique identification information.

The world's second-largest TV maker said Thursday that customer privacy is its top priority and takes the issue very seriously.

He said was "very surprised" at the amount of attention he received with the blog post.

"This indicates that privacy issues are becoming increasingly important to people everywhere, as we are so dependent on technology in our everyday lives."

Separately, Samsung Electronics Co. said it does not collect information on files in USB hard drives connected to its smart TVs. But the world's largest TV maker did not respond to a question about whether it logs users' viewing habits.

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1 **Civic doody.** Ever notice how Rob Ford looks like a giant toddler? Just close your eyes and picture him in an Argos onesie. Then, ask him to leave daddy's office and his body goes limp until you're forced to drag him kicking and screaming. See? One big baby. With a tiny crack-pipe.

2 **Ironic integrity.** German recluse Cornelius Gurlitt is upset that authorities seized paintings inherited from his father Hildebrand, who was Hitler's personal art dealer and once chief of the Nazi's "confiscation committee." Cornelius maintains that no part of his billion-dollar collection was ill-gotten from Jewish owners. He tells Der Spiegel magazine, "Maybe my father was offered things privately but he wouldn't have taken it. He would consider that wrong." Oh, *that* he would have considered wrong.

3 **Gobble-less.** Butterball announced a shortage of turkeys right before American thanksgiving. More precisely, the birds have not been gaining weight to reach the 16-pound minimum expected by U.S. clientele. The turkeys attribute their success to increased cardio consisting of high-volume reps of wing-flapping. And their lean muscle-mass makes them harder to catch.

4 **Win-win.** Renowned "momager" and pimper of offspring Kris Jenner says daughter Kim and Kanye West will "hopefully" marry next year. Unless they break up. Either way, it will be filmed and marketed for profit.

5 **Slam dunk.** Since June of 2012, NBA centre Andrew Bynum has collected almost $20 million for playing less than two cumulative hours of actual professional ball. How much more does your job suck now?

6 **Bieber breach.** Justin Bieber threw an anything-goes, Great Gatsby bash last week that was so wild, the cops were called three times. But VIP guests will have only themselves with which to reminisce because they all signed confidentiality agreements worth $3 million. The very next night, I got a henna tattoo at a bar mitzvah that still hasn't washed off. Who's the bad-ass now?

7 **It takes two.** Or does it? We-Vibe, the company behind body-safe, eco-friendly, "intimate" products believes that couples who play together stay together. Now they've launched We-Vibe4: a remote-controlled, U-shaped vibrator that simultaneously stimulates "inside and out" including pleasure for the male. The result of extensive scientific research on monogamous pairings, there still lies the unspoken understanding that his presence is entirely optional.

8 **Mentor experience.** Attention unsigned Canadian singer-songwriters of legal age: Here's a great opportunity. Submit a video entry of your work to songwritermentor-experience.org for a chance to receive valuable insight from some of our nation's greatest artists, plus additional benefits including a one-year, paid membership to the Songwriters Association. In traditional Canuck fashion, there's no prize money or recording contract, but all criticism promises to be very polite.

9 **This week in music.** In 2004, Ozzy Osbourne fought one of two burglars robbing his Buckinghamshire home. Breaking free of Ozzy's headlock, the man jumped 30 feet from a window. When asked about the danger of getting hurt, Osbourne replied "I haven't felt anything since 1979." The burglar, answering that same question said, "I seriously thought he was going to bite my head off!"

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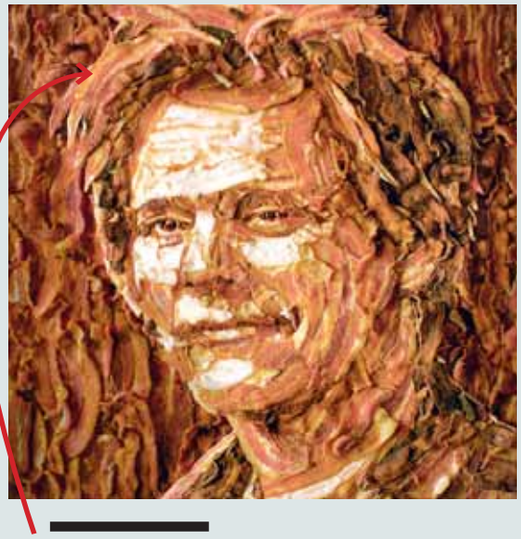
Artist also has enough to eat at home



COURTESY JASON MECIER

And it's rice to get food for thought

An artist has used various types of food to create delightful portraits of famous people.

Jason Mecier, from San Francisco, used strips of bacon and rice to portray actor Kevin Bacon and former U.S. secretary of state Condoleezza Rice, respectively.

The choice of material provides a visual pun of their surnames. Mecier tries his best to preserve his food-based works, but so far it only works out for some.

Mecier's works feature in a new book, Wild Art, which celebrates non-traditional creativity like sand sculptures, extreme body art and miniature dioramas. METRO

Some rare delicacies

"I enjoy trying to match the perfect items and themes with the essence of each unique subject: Snoop Dogg made out of marijuana and Sigmund Freud made out of pills."

Jason Mecier, artist

He plays with his food

50 hours

is how long Mecier takes to make each portrait. His picture of Lady Gaga took almost two months to finish.

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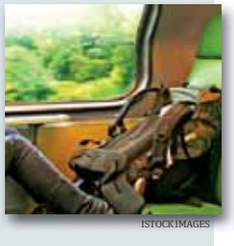
That unmistakable chill in the air is turning our minds to far off, sun-soaked climes where we can briefly recover from winter's darkest days. If your strategy is to miss as much of that winter as possible, these travel blogs are well stocked with dollar-stretching tips.



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Nomadic Matt:

Have you ever returned from a long vacation and cursed your re-entry into routine, dreaming of a life on the lam instead? Of course you have. So did Matt Kepnes, except he's one of those maddening types who actually pulled it off, compiling nearly 10 years of accumulated world-wandering wisdom in one place. (nomadicmatt.com)

Traveller's Point:

While there are some pretty cool features here, like a travel planner widget and budget accommodation search, the real prize here are the lively and friendly forums. No matter what country you're planning to hit, or what (within reason) you're willing to do there, there's an abundance of advice and potential travel buddies here. (travellerspoint.com)

Adventurous Kate:

Another hero who managed to quit her job and take up the mantle of a full-time traveller. With plenty of world-savvy and 35 countries under her belt, the wildly entertaining Kate is an ideal source for the solo female traveller. (adventurouskate.com)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: One mom was surprised when a daycare called her kids' lunches 'unhealthy' and gave them crackers. How would you react?

@Canucklehead_ca: By quickly finding a new daycare, provided I have the energy after presumably years of unhealthy eating.

@ctmwyn: 'healthy' is a slippery slope where some overly zealous parents insist on a #RawFood diet for their kid #Education #WorkBothWays

@les_than_zero: Because adding transfat Ritz crackers to the lunch suddenly made it healthy?

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Synopsis

Combatants and sweethearts Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson) have returned victorious from the 74th Annual Hunger Games. While on a Victory Tour to Panem's various downtrodden districts, revolution is in the air. The people see Katniss as a symbol of freedom, which, of course, doesn't sit well with President Snow (Donald Sutherland), the country's autocratic leader. To quell the revolution he and his head gamesmaker (Philip Seymour Hoffman) devise the trickiest Hunger Games yet, the Quarter Quell that will pit former winners against one another in the battle to the death.

- Richard: ●●●●○
- Mark: ●●●○○

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire is styled within an inch of its life, but it maintains a gritty edge. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Two is better than one

Catching Fire. The followup to the Hunger Games is a step above the first instalment, with more visual and thematic grit

Richard: Mark, I'm glad I saw the first Hunger Games movie because I'm not sure if I would have a clue as to what was going on if I didn't have that background. I may have been taken in by the beautiful art direction, or Jennifer Lawrence's intense performance, but I don't think I would have been able to connect all the dots. Plot points become more obvious in the second hour, but for non-Hungerites it might be confusing. What did you think?

Mark: I don't think anyone who didn't see the first one would even be interested in seeing the second instalment. So the question becomes: how do they compare? And surprisingly, I kind of prefer the sequel. The issues of state control, of media manipulation, and of income disparity are sharper and less cartoonish here. But more important, the secondary characters are more interesting and better drawn. Some of the contestants are intriguing, like Jeffrey Wright's techno-nerd, and his partner Amanda Plummer, doing her nutso thing. I even liked Elizabeth Banks and Stanley Tucci this time around — the characters seemed more grounded in the story.

RC: I do think this is a better movie than the first instalment. It is set decorated and costumed to within an inch of its life, but nonetheless has a gritty edge. It doesn't feel like a budget big franchise movie and that's a good thing. Visually as well as thematically it has more edge than any of the recent Marvel movies. And it skirts around the thing that upset many people about the first movie — the idea of kids killing kids — by setting the action between former victors ranging in age from in their 20s to in their 70s.

MB: You know what else it skirts around? The killings themselves, many of which happen off-screen, to protect the delicate psyches of our tweener population. But that's OK; this isn't really a film about body count. The only thing that left me queasy was the cliffhanger ending, with a plot twist that will seem arbitrary until we catch the next instalment.

RC: The cliffhanger ending is a bit of a shock after the almost two-and-a-half hour running time, but I felt as though enough had happened to keep me interested for the next one.

MB: And I think the next one may show Woody Harrelson to be the trilogy's most valuable player.

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Making Frozen thaws the battle of the sexes

Female perspective. Male and female co-directors ensured Disney film didn't tread into stereotypes

RICHARD CROUSE
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Frozen opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

The new animated film Frozen features something unique — dueling Disney princesses.

"I think what was really important for this movie was to have the female perspective," says co-director Chris Buck.

"We have two female leads and there are times that as a male director you can go to the stereotype of what a female character might do."

That's where co-director and writer Jennifer Lee came in. "Jen would always take it to a different place," he says. "She would say, 'Make her real. Make her believable.' So I think that really helped. It was a good balance."

Based on a Danish fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen, Frozen is the story of two royal sisters, Anna, a spirited adventurer (Kristen Bell) and Elsa, a queen (Idina Menzel) with the awesome power to create ice and snow. Sibling is pitted against sibling when Elsa plunges her kingdom into an endless winter and Anna must act to save her sister and the empire. "You want to make these movies to last forever but we have to bring ourselves to it," says Buck. "We have to bring today's sense of entertainment and character to our characters."

"We're huge Disney fans and I grew up with Disney," says Lee. "When you watch a Disney film you are constantly feeling it. It is a combination of comedy and drama but it is together in such a way that you feel you are in the world. That is something we both love more than anything because that, to me, is what makes them timeless and resonate. You feel the character and you feel the stakes. You relate to them. I think Disney does that better than anyone."

Buck says that one of the big challenges in making Frozen was creating a movie for not "just the Disney family but also for the general audience, for everyone of all ages.

"I feel more than anything, a responsibility not to necessarily the company but to the audience," says Buck. "To the audience who comes in expecting a Disney movie and giving them the best of that. What does that mean to them? It's humour and emotion and beauty and all of that. For me, that's the pressure.

The feminine touch

> **"I think what was really important for this movie was to have the female perspective."**
>
> Frozen co-director Chris Buck on working with Jennifer Lee on the film

"I was speaking to a live action director who does more movies in the PG-13 and R-rated realm and he said, 'What you guys do is the hardest thing in the world because you try and reach everyone.'"

Disney. Looking back at a legacy for new ideas

Get A Horse is the first original Mickey Mouse cartoon in almost 20 years. CONTRIBUTED

An "everything old is new again" theme emerges when looking at the slate of upcoming Disney films.

A titan in Hollywood and one of the largest media conglomerates in the world, the Mouse House is looking back at their rich history in a very interesting way.

For instance, Get a Horse, the dazzling new short that plays before Frozen in theatres, is the first original Mickey Mouse theatrical cartoon in almost two decades.

But more than simply being a reintroduction to a beloved character, it's also a deft marriage of old and new techniques that features, through some technical wizardry, the first vocal performance from Walt Disney since the 1960s.

In the live action roster there's the Oscar hopeful Saving Mr. Banks, the story of the making of the classic Mary Poppins, and Tomorrowland, an epic sci-fi saga that was allegedly inspired by the contents of a mysterious box found in the Disney archives.

The 90-year-old company has one eye on the past and the other very much on the future.

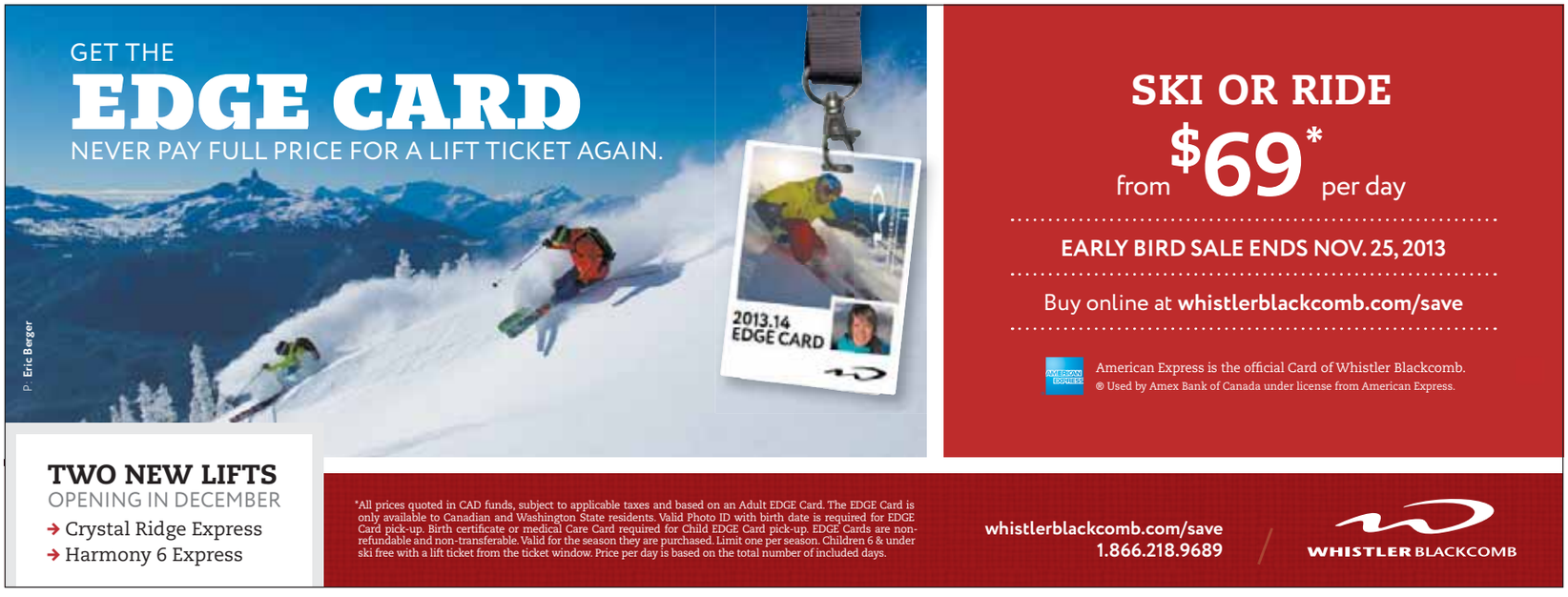
"We like to think of our legacy as a springboard to the future and not something that anchors us so you can't move your feet," says Walt Disney Animation Studios general manager and executive vice-president Andrew Millstein.

"There is a great wealth of characters and visual material, but in its day the best of Disney was innovative and moved with audiences. We should do the same."

So what should audiences anticipate from Disney in the next few years? Millstein says audiences should, "expect the unexpected."

"We have to be fiercely original. We have to give audiences things they haven't seen before. We want to surprise audiences. We want our stories to be compelling, the worlds to be great, the technology and the visuals to be stunning."

RICHARD CROUSE



Comedy

Delivery Man

Director. Ken Scott

Stars. Vince Vaughn, Chris Pratt, Cobie Smulders

Vince Vaughn stars in this almost shot-for-shot remake of the French Canadian film Starbuck as a man-child who learns commitment and responsibility after discovering his sperm bank donations unwittingly made him the father of 533 children, 142 of whom have filed a class action lawsuit to learn their biological father's real identity. Supporting actors Chris Pratt, Cobie Smulders and Bobby Moynihan are all solid, but it's Vaughn who carries the movie. He hands in a charming performance with all the rough edges buffed away in an unabashedly sweet movie. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Drama

Bastards

Director. Claire Denis

Stars. Vincent Lindon, Chiara Mastroianni, Julie Bataille

Inside Claire Denis' cinematic ball of intrigue lies a family in dire straits, dogged by confusion, suicide, insanity, bankruptcy and sexual abuse. An estranged brother returns to help them sort their lives and gives up everything for them including his life savings. It's a sad, slow-moving saga on the illusion of knowledge and love and the emptiness of revenge, driven by great performances. **ANNE BRODIE**

Drama

The Book Thief

Director. Brian Percival

Stars. Geoffrey Rush, Sophie Nelisse

Based on an international bestseller, The Book Thief is an impassioned but understated piece of award-striving cinema focused on a young illiterate child coming of age in wartime Germany. Despite the familiarity of the emotional themes that make up The Book Thief, rising Canadian star Sophie Nelisse (Monsieur Lazhar) particularly molds the melodrama into moving entertainment and Geoffrey Rush is thoroughly watchable as the warm foster dad who teaches her to read. **STEVE GOW**

Coogan on ratings and writing the truth

Philomena. Actor talks about journalism and his MPAA struggles

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Philomena opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Steve Coogan has been enjoying near-universal positive reception for Philomena, the true-life tale he co-wrote, produced and stars in with Judi Dench about a woman trying to track down the baby a group of nuns forced her to give up as a teen. But that adulation train hit a snag in the U.S., where the film was initially given an R-rating by the MPAA for two instances of the F-word. We spoke with Coogan just hours after that decision was reversed.

Congratulations on your MPAA victory.
They reversed their decision after we appealed, and I was there as a producer of the film putting the case for reappraising the rating. It was myself and Bert Fields — he's one of the hotshot Hollywood lawyers. ... They listened to our arguments and we convinced a two-thirds majority, which is what's required amongst the panel of people who can challenge the original rating.

Has your opinion of journalists changed at all after playing one in this?
My opinion of journalists was never bad. That's a myth put about by some journalists trying to undermine me, and it's kind of a part of a campaign by certain journalists who have an agenda to be reductive about the whole thing and make it that I don't. When actually in fact I love journalists. I admire journalists who plow through a lot of crap to get to the truth. But there are some journalists who are not really interested in the truth. They're just interested in shifting units and getting a pat on the back from their editors who just want to sell units to satisfy proprietors who want to satisfy shareholders, and it's not really anything to do with getting to the truth.

THESE PAGES COVER MOVIE START TIMES FROM FRI., NOV. 22 TO THURS., NOV. 28 TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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Flight of the Butterflies (STC) Fri 12-2 Sat-Sun 12-2-4 Mon-Thu 12-2
Pulse: A Stomp Odyssey (STC) Fri-Thu 1
To the Arctic (G) Fri-Thu 3

Dunbar Theatre 4555 Dunbar Street

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-7-9:55 Mon-Thu

3:30-7-9:55

Fifth Avenue Cinemas 2110 Burrard Street

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:40
About Time (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:25-9:25 Mon 12:40-3:30-9:45 Tue 12:40-3:30-6:25-9:25 Wed 12:40-3:30-9:45 Thu 12:40-3:30-6:25-9:25
The Book Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:15-6:15-9:15
Gravity 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:15-9:50
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-10

Pacific Cinémathèque 1131 Howe Street

Alaska Highway (STC) Wed 6:30
Blind Spot (STC) Sun 7:40
The Consul of Bordeaux (STC) Thu 6:30
Dinner With My Sisters (STC) Mon 8:30
Kuma (STC) Sat 6:30
Living Images (STC) Tue 7
Miracle (STC) Sun 6
My Father's Bike (STC) Sat 8:25
Night Boats (STC) Mon 6:30
The Other Dream Team (STC) Fri 6:30
SuperClásico (STC) Fri 8:20
A Trip (STC) Wed 8:15
Up There (STC) Thu 8:30

Park Theatre 3440 Cambie Street

Blue Is the Warmest Color (R) Fri 4:10-7:40 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:10-7:40 Mon-Wed 4:10-7:40 Thu 3

Rio on Broadway 1660 E. Broadway

Ghost in the Shell (STC) Fri 11:30
Magic Silver (STC) Sun 2
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sat Mon Wed
Pearl Jam Twenty (PG) Thu 9:30
Red Obsession (STC) Tue 8:30 Thu 7

Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver 900 Burrard St.

The Big Lebowski (14A) Mon 7 Wed 9:30
Ender's Game (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:45 Mon-Tue 1:20-4-6:45-9:35 Wed 1:20-4-6:45-10:10 Thu 1:20-4-6:45-9:35
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Oldboy (18A) Wed-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:15-10
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri 1:50-4:40 Sat 10:45-1:50-4:40 Sun 1:50-4:40 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:30
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Vancity Theatre Vancouver International Film Centre 1181 Seymour Street

Bastards (STC) Fri-Mon 8:30 Wed-Thu 8:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
Short Term 12 (14A) Fri-Sat 6:30 Sun 4:30-6:30 Mon 6:30 Wed-Thu 6:30
Vintage Movies From the City of Vancouver Archives (STC) Sun 2

Vancouver Aquarium 4D Experience Theatre 845 Avison Way

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SpongeBob SquarePants 4-D The Great Jelly Rescue (STC) Fri 11:15-12:15-1:15-2:15-3:15-4:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-11:45-12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-2:15-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:15 Mon-Thu 11:15-12:15-1:15-2:15-3:15-4:15

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Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
Escape Plan (14A) Fri-Tue 8:50
Frozen (G) Wed-Thu 7
Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (14A) Fri-Tue 7

Hollywood 3 Cinema
7125-138th Street, Surrey

Captain Phillips (PG) Fri-Thu 8:25
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
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Despicable Me 2 (G) Sat-Sun 2:20
Escape Plan (14A) Fri-Thu 8:55
Gravity (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30
Gravity 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30-8:35
Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30-6:45
Planes (G) Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30
Turbo (G) Sat-Sun 12:20

Strawberry Hill Grande
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey

Barney's Great Adventure (G) Sat 11
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1732-152nd Street, White Rock

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About Time (PG) Fri-Wed 9:10
Last Vegas (PG) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10 Mon-Wed 7:10

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Captain Phillips (PG) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 2:10-7-9:45 Mon-Tue 7-9:45
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Free Birds (G) Fri-Sun 7:30
Last Vegas (PG) Fri-Sun 9:10
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Arcade Fire. No shoes, no shirt, no concert ... unless that's your costume for tonight

Canadian rock band Arcade Fire is getting heat for instituting a dress code for its upcoming North American arena tour.

On the Ticketmaster pages hawking seats for the Montreal group's upcoming tour, a note at the top of the page reads: "Please wear formal attire or costume."

The tour begins March 6 in Louisville and stops in Toronto, Ottawa, Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg before wrapping in Montreal on Aug. 30.

The band had made similar sartorial demands before a show in Montreal in September and in London earlier this month, when NME reported that frontman Win Butler told the crowd: "To anyone who felt uncomfortable dressing up — I'm not sorry."

The demand is garnering some backlash, with online cultural magazine Slate writing that the move is "presumptuous" and "an attempt to reinforce the band's status as capital-A Artists."

Arcade Fire topped charts in Canada and the U.S. with its double-disc opus Reflektor, released in October.

Their previous album, The Suburbs, also debuted at No. 1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arcade Fire may have overstepped their grounds. GETTY IMAGES

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Hello Mr. Bond, he's been expecting you

You only live twice. Screenwriter's decades-long legal battle kept famous James Bond super villain Ernst Blofeld in the dark, until now (maybe)

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York City

It's been 30 years since James Bond super villain Ernst Blofeld terrorized movie screens. Predictably, you can blame a lawsuit. For 50 years a legal battle ensued with screenwriter Kevin McClory, who died in 2006. But word has come that his estate has settled with Bond studio MGM and production house Danjaq. This means — but does not ensure — that in the 24th Bond film, to be released in late 2015, Daniel Craig may get his own shot at fighting Blofeld.

Though he appeared in six of the movies (seven if you count the non-canonical Never Say Never Again), Blofeld — head of the mysterious and powerful criminal circuit SPECTRE — was only in three of Bond creator Ian Fleming's novels. The book that introduced him, Thunderball, was not an original but rather a novelization of a script Fleming had written with others in the 1950s, in a failed early attempt to bring Bond to the screen.

Fleming and McClory created Blofeld in tandem, and as early as 1961, when the book was published, McClory sued Fleming for not giving him proper credit.

The lawsuit was resolved out of court, and Blofeld — who changed physical appearances (and actors) but, at least on film, usually kept the tight-fitting grey suit and yen for cat-stroking — wormed his way into the Bond-iverse.

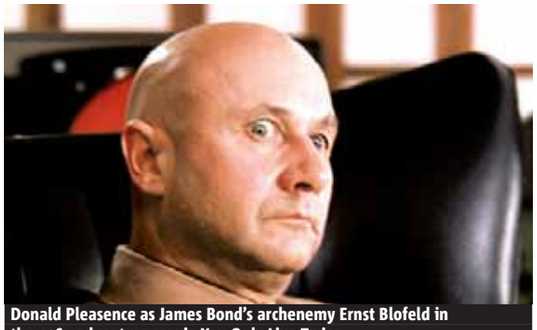
His first screen appearances were in From Russia With Love and Thunderball, in which he was tantalizingly obscured. His face was finally revealed, with a nasty-cool scar, in You Only Live Twice, where he was played by Donald Pleasance. He was not killed, as in the book, and appeared again, played by Telly Savalas, in On Her Majesty's Secret Service; by Charles Gray, now with hair, in Diamonds Are Forever; and finally, his face again obscured (and once more bald) in For Your Eyes Only, where Roger Moore's Bond drops him into a chimney stack via a helicopter. (He dies — presumably.)

Through the '60s and '70s, McClory tried to circumvent his settlement to launch his own Bond franchise, which would duel with the existing one over at Eon Productions.

It wasn't until the early '80s that McClory and conspirators were able to get one off the ground, but he was only legally allowed to do a version of Thunderball.

So, in 1983, the world got Never Say Never Again, a remake of Thunderball starring Sean Connery, even though he had previously sworn off the role of Bond. Connery, now 53 and with an even less convincing hairpiece than in the '60s, once again battled a villain named Largo (Klaus Maria Brandauer) while romancing a blond hottie (Kim Basinger). And Blofeld returned, played by no less than Max Von Sydow. Of course, none of the film franchise fixtures (the theme, the gun barrel opening, etc.) could be carried over. Thanks to McClory's legal battles, Never Say Never Again is not considered part of the Bond canon, and was not included in the complete Bond box set that came out last year. That was the last the world saw of Blofeld, unless you count Austin Powers' Dr. Evil, who was made up like Pleasance's You Only Live Twice incarnation.

This new settlement may change that. Or maybe it won't. Perhaps we'll have to wait for another few films until the relaunched franchise gets to him. Or maybe he'll dominate the next film, to be directed by Skyfall helmsman Sam Mendes. Feel free to hold your breath.



Donald Pleasence as James Bond's archenemy Ernst Blofeld in the 1967 adventure movie You Only Live Twice. CONTRIBUTED

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Are Harry and Kendall a thing? Don't expect him to deny it

Harry Styles is prompting new dating rumours after being spotted taking Kendall Jenner to dinner in L.A. Wednesday night, according to Us Weekly. Styles drove them to dinner at Craig's restaurant in West Hollywood, Jenner seated beside him in his SUV.

While it's not clear if Styles is actually dating the 18-year-old, he has made his feelings on high-profile relationships known. "I don't want to be one of those people that complains about the rumours," he recently told the British edition of GQ magazine.

"I never like it when a celebrity goes on Twitter and says, 'This isn't true!' It is what it is. The only time it gets really annoying is that if you get into a relationship and you get into a place where you really like someone and then things are being written in the papers that affect them and how they see you. Then it can get annoying."

Harry Styles

The Word

Don't get close for the camera, Will

PAT HEALY
Metro World News in New York City

This is hilarious. Check out Will Smith trying really, really hard not to put his arm around Margot Robbie in this photo call for their new film Focus in Buenos Aires, Argentina on Wednesday.

It makes sense. After all, the two co-stars were the subject of intense media speculation last month after they reportedly had a steamy romp in a photo booth at a party. "Once they pulled the curtain back to take the pictures, they let their inhibitions run wild, laughing, hugging and nuzzling each other in the dark," a source told Star.

So now Smith, the professional he is, knows if any other forthcoming gossip about his marriage or his "nuzzling" come to light, media outlets will use any photo they can find of Robbie and him together. Smart man.

This recipe makes 12 biscuits. MILKCALENDAR.CA

Add a cheesy side of Canadiana to dinner

Garlic Cheddar Biscuits. This delicious side dish is made with Canadian cheese. Which one? The choice is all yours

For a twist, substitute drained chopped pickled Jalapenos or chives for the green onion.

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F (230 C). Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a large bowl combine the flour, baking powder, cream of tartar, sugar and salt. Using a pastry blender or two knives, cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in cheese and green onions. Slowly add the milk, stirring with a fork, until the batter reaches a soft dough consistency.

3. On a lightly floured surface, knead dough gently 3 to 4 times until it holds together. Roll out to 3/4-inch (2 cm) thickness. Cut into squares. Place at least 2 inches (5 cm) apart on prepared baking sheet.

4. Topping: In a small bowl, combine melted butter and garlic powder; brush biscuits with half of the mixture.

5. Bake 12 mins. or until starting to brown. Brush with remaining butter mix. Bake an additional 3 mins. or until golden brown. Best served warm. MEAGHAN THORNHILL OF HARBOURFRONT HOLSTEINS & JEZEBEL JERSEYS IN ANTIGONISH, N.S./ DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA (MILKCALENDAR.CA)

Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 ml) all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) baking powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) cream of tartar
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) cold butter, cubed
- 1 cup (250 ml) shredded Canadian old Cheddar, Marble or Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) chopped green onions
- 1 cup (250 ml) milk

Topping

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter, melted
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) garlic powder

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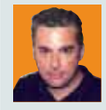

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Even with most wine aficionados plugging into the Internet for the bulk of their liquid knowledge, there's still a place in this world for some hard copy.

Just in time for Christmas, the newly released Canadian Wineries (Firefly Books, $29.95) by Tony Aspler, with photographs by Jean-François Bergeron, is the book Canadian wine fans have been waiting for.

Focusing on more than 60 wineries — from British Columbia's Mission Hill all the way to Nova Scotia's Jost Vineyards — it's a lovingly crafted collection of stories and images that will make even the most jaded sommelier excited to visit these vineyards and drink their wines.

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CandyTown: A Yaletown Holiday Festival

Back for another festive year, shoppers be sure to check out Yaletown's CandyTown that sees the bustling Mainland Street transformed into a winter wonderland. On November 23rd lights and candy canes will adorn lamp poles and costumed characters will parade down the street. You'll also find Mainland Street filled with local artisans and live music. Last year saw more than 15,000 people cruise through to shop and enjoy. Visit: yaletowninfo.com.

Coming Up: Make It! Vancouver

Make a serious dent in your holiday shopping list and be sure to pop by Make It! Vancouver. This one-of-a-kind handmade extravaganza — from Nov. 28 to Dec 1, 2901 W. Hastings — features the goods of more than 250 of Canada's hottest urban artisans, designers and crafters. Make It! is the ultimate shopping experience and guaranteed to get you in the festive spirit. For more details visit: makeitproductions.com.

Coming up: Great Canadian Craft Christmas Edition

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Holiday gift guide

Terrific teen ideas

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

If you have a teenager, you know how difficult it can be to purchase a gift for them. Forget the gift cards and guessing which style of jeans they want. These high-tech gifts are sure to please even the pickiest teen.

Playstation 4 — $399.99
One of the most highly anticipated new consoles of the year. The PS4 features improved processing and graphical power with voice control. A new controller features a touchpad and "share" button, which lets you record and share gameplay with friends online.

Xbox One — $499.99
Microsoft's next generation console promises to wow gamers of all ages. Every aspect of this next-gen console has been enhanced, including a vastly improved Kinect sensor and a newly designed controller with more than 40 new technological innovations.

Sony Xperia Z1 — $700 (no contract)
Snappy performance and stylish good looks, this is a smartphone your teen will want to show off. The rear 20.7-megapixel camera will help them capture moments with friends, while the waterproof and dust-resistant body will hold up to most teens.

Samsung Galaxy S4 Mini — $449.99 (no contract)
Compact and yet powerful. This smaller version of Samsung's popular Galaxy S4 has many of the same features but now in a smaller form. A solid plastic build ensures durability, while the eight-megapixel camera is perfect for snapping selfies and Facebook pics.

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Sonos Play:1 — $219
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Pebble — $150
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Philips Friends of Hue Bloom Lamp — $79.95
The perfect way to let your teen customize the look of their room without spending a fortune. This lamp is designed to cast coloured light on walls, using an app designed for your iPod, iPhone, or iPad. More than 16 million colours are possible and it doesn't get hot. Requires Philips Hue Bridge accessory.

iPad Mini 2nd Gen — $419 and up
The all-new iPad Mini finally receives the beautiful Retina display. Internal specs also feature a dramatic improvement with faster processor and improved graphical power. Ideal for learning and leisure.

HTC One Mini — $399.99
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Playstation 4 — $399.99, top, Pebble — $150, below.

Xbox One — $499.99, clockwise, from bottom left, iPad Mini 2nd Gen — $419 and up, Philips Friends of Hue Bloom Lamp — $79.95, Mophie Juice Pack Helium — $79.95, Sonos Play:1 — $219, HTC One Mini — $399.99, Samsung Galaxy S4 Mini — $449.99 (no contract), Sony Xperia Z1 — $700 (no contract).

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Are you looking to get all your Christmas shopping done in one place and have a great time while you're at it?

This year's sixth annual West Coast Christmas Show and Marketplace will feature more than 160 exhibitors, including many local artisan gifts as unique as your gift-getters are.

"This is a great place for anyone who has a person on their gift list who's tough to buy for," says Anna Olson, host of Food Network's Bake with Anna Olson.

Olson will once again be sharing her tips for baking and entertaining for the holiday season on the Home for the Holidays Stage.

"You'll be able to find unique, special gifts in the marketplace. There's something for everyone."

Visitors will find a treasure trove of gift possibilities at the show, which runs Nov. 22-24 at the Tradex Trade and Exhibition Centre in Abbotsford.

Visitors looking for a cosy gift to keep a loved one warm can find the travelling cardigan by Bethany Rae Clothing — eco-chic cardigans-to-go made with bamboo fabric and lace. Each one folds easily into a compact bundle, perfect when you are travelling light.

Beautiful craftsmanship takes to the street with skateboard company Would Boards. The company's handmade, '60s-style cruiser skateboards are designed to bring out the individual beauty of each piece of reclaimed wood it uses. Great for boarders (or aspiring boarders) of all ages.

For small gifts with heart, Noble Walters sells creative, locally designed tea towels, JayDot Creative Cards by artist Jocelyn Fisk-Schleger, and Henry's Zoo stuffed animals by local artist Gita Kirstein.

Non-profit local artisans at Craftworks Society provide a craft-therapy program that helps individuals with physical disabilities or mental illness to increase their self-esteem, express their creativity and earn income from the crafts they sell. Crafts on show at the event include household items, ornaments, and educational and interactive toys for children.

Families who think they have played all the games out there should challenge themselves to Squap. This ingenious ball and catcher game, on show in the marketplace, helps young children develop motor skills. It also provides a unique catch game that adults can play indoors or out.

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Don't let the eggnog derail your career path

Office holiday parties. Be on your best behaviour when you gather with co-workers

JANE DOUCET
For Metro

It's wise to keep your inhibitions in check at the annual holiday party if you want to keep your career on the fast track. PRESSMASTER/SHUTTERSTOCK

Ah, the annual office holiday party. Perhaps people have been on their best behaviour at the parties you have attended, but things can go south quickly, especially if alcohol flows freely.

If that happens this year — if you want to keep your career on the fast track — it's wise to keep your inhibitions in check.

"Employers are responsible for the safety of their employees, even at an office party, and they have a legal obligation to take appropriate disciplinary action against anyone who goes overboard in terms of sexual harassment, insubordination or discrimination," said Susan Thompson-Graham, the head instructor of the advanced diploma program in human resource management at the Nova Scotia Community College in Halifax.

Here are Thompson-Graham's tips for how to not ruin your career at the party:

• Don't skip the shindig. You may not want to go, but it's one night of the whole year, and if you don't attend, you could be ostracized at work for a while.

• Drink responsibly. Let management set the pace for how much alcohol is consumed. If everyone overindulges, ensure that you also consume vast quantities of water and food. "You don't want to be the office hangover joke the next day," Thompson-Graham said. "And do I even need to say it? No illegal drugs."

• Dress appropriately. "It's not Halloween, so no sexy pirate, sexy nurse or sexy devil outfits," Thompson-Graham said.

• Keep romance at bay. Although many people do meet their significant other at work, don't make out on the dance floor under the glare of the disco ball. "Instead, make arrangements for a rendezvous after the party," Thompson-Graham said.

• Observe social media etiquette. That means no texting — you need to look like you want to be there. And no posting "memorable moments" from the party on Facebook or Instagram, especially if your company has a social media policy.

• Express your gratitude. Thank the host and organizers for their hard work. "I often hear managers say, 'I do this for my employees and don't get a single thank you.' Be remembered for being the one who took the time to do so," Thompson-Graham said.

Tradition. It's story time

Most families have a Christmas tradition or two that they look forward to sharing together year after year.

Traditions draw us closer together and allow us to slow down and enjoy the season.

Reading Christmas short stories together is free, meaningful and gives a slight pause to each day of the hustle and bustle that comes with the holiday season.

Begin on Dec. 1 and read a story each night until Christmas. You may want to plan ahead by having each family member choose a favourite holiday story.

You can borrow some from your local library, download them or listen to audio stories.

Make story time special by lighting some candles, or gathering the family around the Christmas tree. Make some apple cider or hot chocolate and have a small treat like cookies or shortbread to go with your hot drink.

You will be surprised at how much your family will look forward to this quiet time with each other and you may even have some wonderful conversations during or after reading these moments together.

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Christmas story primer

Some Christmas stories to get you started.

- The Gift, by R. Louis Carroll
- T'was the Night Before Christmas, by Clement C. Moore
- The Christmas Story, the Bible — Matthew, Chapters 1 and 2
- The Little Match Seller, by Hans Christian Anderson
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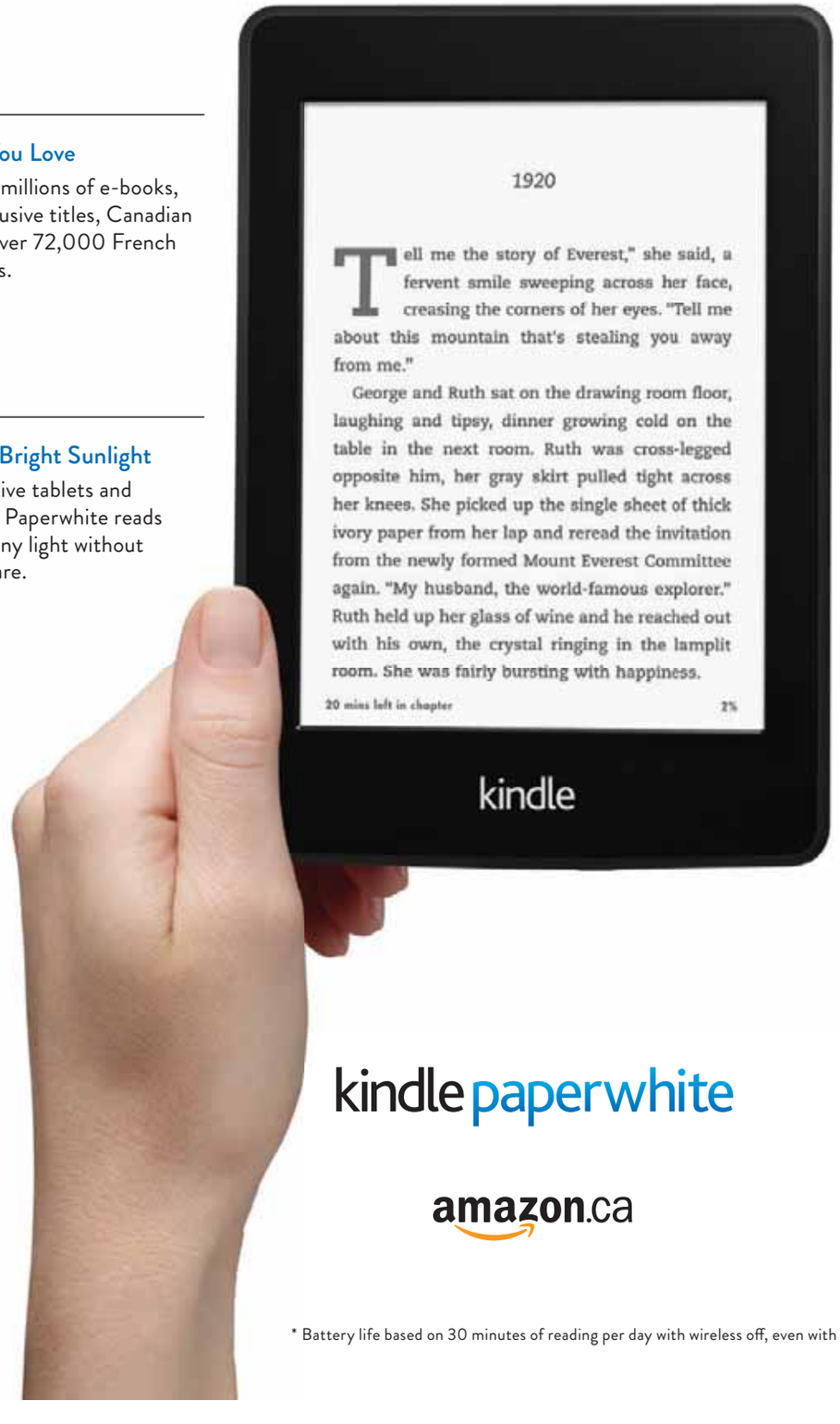

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Soccer

Whitecaps' Miller hounded by Rangers questions again

In what has become common fodder throughout 2013, Kenny Miller has once again been linked to a possible return to Rangers, his two-time former club in Scotland.

The Vancouver Whitecaps' striker is currently training at Murray Park, the Rangers' training ground, following knee surgery, according to the Daily Record.

On several occasions earlier this year, it was reported in Scotland that Miller was looking at a return to Rangers.

The Whitecaps signed him to a contract extension in late July. It runs to June of 2014 — however, he can begin negotiating with other clubs in January when the transfer window opens.

This season, Miller made $1,124,992 in guaranteed compensation with the Whitecaps, according to the MLS players' union.

On the subject of a possible return to Rangers, Miller most recently told the Daily Record: "Who knows? It's one where if there is an opportunity to do something, you then think about that opportunity.

"At the moment my main aim is to get this knee fixed and get back training and then who knows what happens after that.

"But as it stands I don't think there will be anything I will be doing other than going back to Vancouver in January."

Last season, his second with Vancouver, the 33-year-old scored eight goals in 21 games before he was hampered by hamstring and adductor injuries.

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John Tortorella is toying with the idea of breaking up the Sedin twins, Henrik and Daniel. BEN NELMS/GETTY IMAGES

Line juggling to 'see what sticks'

NHL. Coach Tortorella changes the forward lines ahead of Friday's game against Columbus

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The Vancouver Canucks returned to practice Thursday, with noticeable changes to their top three forward lines.

The Sedin twins, Daniel and Henrik, were split up. Daniel Sedin skated on a line with Mike Santorelli and Ryan Kesler, while Henrik was in between Jannik Hansen and Chris Higgins.

Alex Burrows was moved to a line with Brad Richardson in the middle and with Zack Kassian on the wing.

Head coach John Tortorella has become a part-time chemist, trying to find the right combinations in his forward lines, with the hope of producing more scoring and helping to rid the team of its current five-game losing streak.

His scientific methods, as he described it, weren't so scientific.

"I'm not going to sit here and … say, 'Well, this guy's doing this, that will work,'" Tortorella told reporters following Thursday's skate at the University of British Columbia.

"We're throwing it against the wall here a little bit and we'll see what sticks. I'm being honest with you."

Splitting up the Sedins is nothing new. It's happened on a few occasions under Tortorella's brief watch here.

But rarely have they been kept apart for any prolonged length of time.

How long this separation lasts remains to be seen. An answer could come Friday, when the Canucks host the Columbus Blue Jackets at Rogers Arena.

"I don't know if it's good or bad, but it's nothing that we're opposed to," said Henrik Sedin.

Prior to Tuesday's loss to Florida, the Canucks had scored only once in each of the last four games.

The Sedins have combined for just two points in the last six games.

"We need goals, that's the bottom line," said Daniel Sedin.

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Soccer. Canadian women's team building for World Cup on home soil

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The two-year anniversary of when Canada's women's national soccer team achieved its Olympic berth in the CONCACAF qualifying tournament at BC Place Stadium is quickly approaching.

Seems at times like it was just yesterday.

The memories of a semi-final victory over Mexico on Jan. 27 that secured his squad a spot in London are still there for Canada's head coach John Herdman. So, too, is what transpired in the final of the CONCACAF tournament, when the U.S. squad thumped Canada by four goals.

"That was a fantastic experience in BC Place, we had pretty much 25,000 people watching us qualify for the Olympics," said Herdman on Wednesday, as Canada's squad wrapped up training in Burnaby.

"It's bittersweet, our last memories here, 4-nil (loss to the U.S.), we walked out of BC Place with an Olympic qualification in the pocket but we had a lot of work to do.

"And I think we're at that same stage now in 2013, looking forward to 2015."

Canada will take on Mexico in a friendly Sunday at BC Place, which also happens to be the host site of the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015 final.

Canada has brought Kara Lang — who continues her comeback from retirement — into the 23-person roster, although she will not play against Mexico. Neither will Josee Belanger, who was also added to the roster after missing the last two years with an ankle injury but suffered a setback in training.

Both bring a scoring pedigree from their previous days with the national team, before their careers were sidetracked by injury.

"We've been working hard over the last year integrating new players and trying to shift the DNA of this team so we can be more adaptable when we're in the World Cup," said Herdman.

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"Canada has been renowned for a certain (kind) of play and we've been working hard to change that."

John Herdman, head coach of the Canadian women's national soccer team

Christine Sinclair and the Canadian women's national soccer team will return to BC Place Stadium Sunday to face Mexico in a friendly. GETTY IMAGES FILE

CFL. Cornish pulls off rare Canadian feat of winning outstanding player award

Jon Cornish has joined an exclusive club.

The Calgary Stampeders running back was the big winner at the CFL awards banquet Thursday night, being named the league's outstanding player and top Canadian. It's the second straight year Cornish was honoured as the league's top Canuck, but he's the first Canadian since 1978 to capture the outstanding player honour.

The last Canadian winner of the award was Ottawa tight end Tony Gabriel. Cornish joins Gabriel and legendary Rough Riders quarterback Russ Jackson, a 77-year-old Hamilton native, as the only Canadians to claim the CFL's top individual honour.

Jackson was a three-time winner (1963, '66, '69) and both he and Gabriel, 64, of Burlington, Ont., are members of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

Cornish wasn't the only Stampeder honoured as kicker Rene Paredes (special teams) and centre Brett Jones (rookie) also won awards.

The West Division swept five of the six individual honours as Brendon LaBatte of the Saskatchewan Roughriders was named top lineman while Montreal Alouettes linebacker Chip Cox received the top defensive player designation.

The six-foot, 217-pound Cornish ran for a CFL-high 1,813 yards, the most in a season by a Canadian. The 29-year-old native of New Westminster, B.C., also led the league in yards from scrimmage (2,157) and TDs (14) and helped Calgary (14-4) finish atop the West Division. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jon Cornish holds his trophies for the most outstanding player and the top Canadian at the CFL Players Awards Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NHL

Avs recover from lapse to beat Coyotes in OT

Ryan O'Reilly scored a power-play goal with 41 seconds left in overtime and the Colorado Avalanche bounced back after allowing two third-period goals to beat the Phoenix Coyotes 4-3 on Thursday night.

Colorado had been the NHL's best team at holding a lead and entered the third period up 2-1 on goals by Andre Benoit and John Mitchell.

Phoenix turned up the pressure in the third period and went ahead 3-2 on goals by Martin Hanzal and Antoine Vermette four minutes apart.

The Avalanche fought back, though, tying it with 3:14 left in regulation on a whirling backhander by Cody McLeod that found its way through Mike Smith's pads.

O'Reilly ended it in overtime, sending a wrist shot past Smith for his ninth goal of the season.

Benoit had three assists for Colorado, which has won seven of nine road games.

Michael Stone also scored and Shane Doan extended his points streak to seven games with an assist on Vermette's goal for the Coyotes, who remain unbeaten in regulation at home (9-0-2).

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CFL. Lions' Lulay and Arceneaux undergo surgery

A pair of B.C. Lions underwent two different surgeries on Thursday, the local Canadian Football League team announced.

Quarterback Travis Lulay underwent surgery to tighten a ligament in his right shoulder — his throwing shoulder — on Thursday.

Lulay, 30, suffered a subluxation of his throwing shoulder on Sept. 15, when he took a heavy hit at the end of a rushing touchdown against Montreal.

Lulay was forced to sit out the next weeks, but returned to play in the regular-season finale and then started the West semifinal.

Receiver Emmanuel Arceneaux underwent an operation to repair a partially damaged ACL in his right knee, the team also announced.

Arceneaux made 51 catches for 885 yards receiving, as well as six touchdowns, this season.

The club did not offer up comment on possible recovery time for Lulay or Arceneaux. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Two shades of Grey unite on Sunday

Saskatchewan Roughriders fans celebrate winning the CFL West final over the Stampeders in Calgary on Nov. 17. Sunday's Grey Cup will mark only the third time Regina has hosted the event. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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When it comes to professional football in this country, there really are only two shades of grey.

As in Grey Cup.

First, the segment of our population with the absolute love of the Canadian game at all levels. For them, the CFL is almost a way of life. These people are most plentiful in three provinces — Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta — and exist in various regional pockets across the rest of our country.

This group loves three-down football, all things Canadian, movement in the backfield and someone actually gaining points when they miss 30-yard field goals.

The second group is not as obvious, but every bit as strong in their beliefs about the way football should be played. They are NFL fans and they are all across the country, dominating in some provinces and constituting no less than 50 per cent of football enthusiasts in many others.

Four-down football is their cup of Red Rose tea, and betting on the game is part of their persona. They like the fact the best athletes are playing their game, and relish the absolute television and online saturation, which allows them many more entry points.

But there is one day when both sides unite and become one — a special Sunday each year in late November. The confluence of the two streams on Grey Cup Sunday is a beautiful thing.

And this year more than the rest.

That is because the two smallest markets — Hamilton, represented by the Ticats, and Regina, by the Roughriders — are facing each other for the first time since 1989. And the game is in Regina, only the third time the city has played host to the event.

The pro-CFL and pro-NFL camps co-exist on Grey Cup Sunday for obvious reasons — both love football, both love Canada and there is nothing more Canadian than the Grey Cup.

But a Grey Cup in Regina is not the Grey Cup in the Rogers Centre in Toronto or the Olympic Stadium in Montreal or BC Place in Vancouver.

It is far superior, something very special.

It is an outdoor spectacle played in Canada's version of the "frozen tundra" where the elements will be in play all day and the fans would not have it any other way.

No matter how many downs are in play.

Red, white and Grey

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Massive football player who has the IQ to match

Who is Peter Dyakowski? Hamilton lineman hopes to be a Grey Cup champ when he appears on Jeopardy

Hamilton offensive lineman Peter Dyakowski has already been crowned Canada's Smartest Person. And now the six-foot-five 325-pounder with a Mensa IQ has earned an invitation to appear on Jeopardy.

But the thing he really wants to win is Sunday's Grey Cup.

"Once I get that under my belt, then I'm going to put myself through a good trivia boot camp," the 29-year-old Dyakowski said.

Dyakowski won CBC TV's Canada's Smartest Person show in March 2012. Contestants went head-to-head in six categories of intelligence: musical, physical, social, logical, visual and linguistic.

So is Dyakowski, a seven-year CFL vet who attended LSU on a football scholarship, really Canada's smartest person?

"He doesn't act that smart," Ticat linebacker Frederic Plesius said with a laugh. "In the bus, he likes to scream, make some noises to piss everybody off on purpose.

"But he's a cool guy. He's a leader, he's a good guy and he's an example for the team."

Fellow lineman Marwan Hage, a close friend, says Dyakowski's smarts are for real.

"I call Peter on a lot of advice, financial advice," he said. "Once you get through the fun part with Peter and he gets serious, when you catch him one-on-one, he's the smartest guy. Every other week I call him for some stock advice and this and that. He knows everything about everything."

Dyakowski, a native of Vancouver who now calls Hamilton home, took an online Jeopardy test in January. He was invited to a July audition in Toronto.

A couple of weeks ago, he got the call that he had made the cut and will appear on the show in April.

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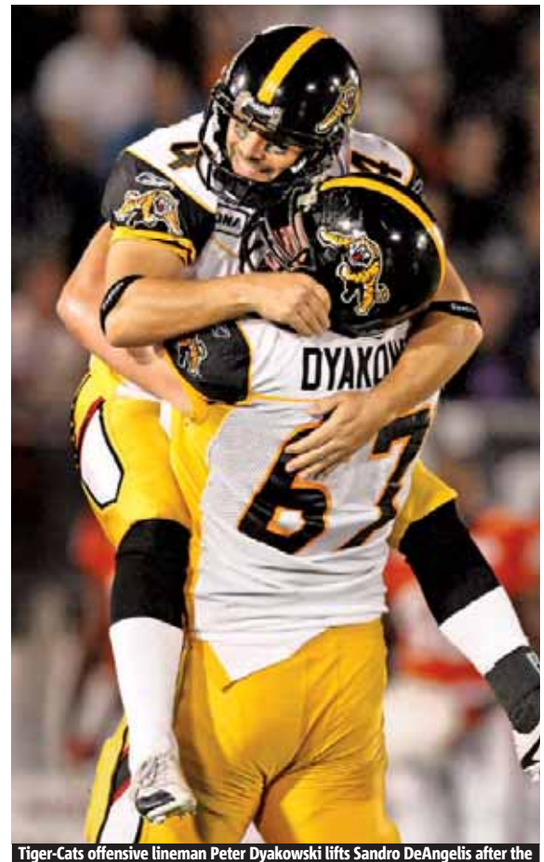
Strengths and weaknesses

So does Peter Dyakowski have any weak areas in Jeopardy? Contemporary interior decorators, he offers. Female authors of the 1970s.

- "I'm hoping for some categories like CFL history," he said. "Tim Hortons' pastries and British Columbia geography."



Tiger-Cats offensive lineman Peter Dyakowski lifts Sandro DeAngelis after the kicker made good on a field goal against the Lions in Vancouver in September 2010. Dyakowski, who has already been crowned Canada's Smartest Person, has earned an invitation to appear on Jeopardy. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bright future

Tiger-Cats thriving financially

With a new stadium taking shape and a successful run to the CFL championship game, Hamilton owner Bob Young says the future looks good for the Ticats.

"With a new stadium, a new television contract, a great web presence that we're building on and, of course, a winning football team, the Tiger-Cats will be financially stable for the first time in 42 years — next year, going into the new stadium," Young said Thursday.

"Winning the Grey Cup won't hurt at all," he added with a smile.

But that won't stop the software and digital publishing entrepreneur from nervously pacing up and down during Sunday's game against the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

"I never sit down ... I have a little bit of nervous energy anyway but no Ticats game, (there's) no point sitting down," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Riding high under grey skies

It's not difficult to see the Saskatchewan Roughriders celebrating their fourth Grey Cup championship Sunday night. They're 5 1/2-point favourites and have home-field advantage. But of course there's a reason they play the games. Here are some key points to watch. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hamilton Tiger-Cats

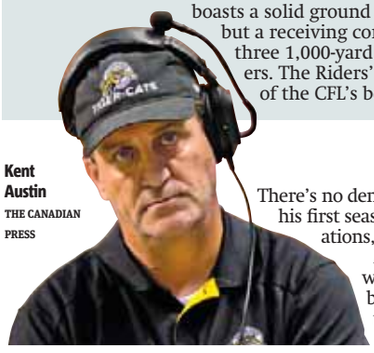
Offence

QB Henry Burris passed for 371 yards and three TDs in the Tiger-Cats' 36-24 East final win over the Argonauts indoors at Rogers Centre last weekend. Yet not only will Burris have to battle the elements at Mosaic Stadium, but also a Riders defence that was third in the CFL in sacks with 57. Hamilton's offensive line led the league in sacks allowed with 65.

Henry Burris THE CANADIAN PRESS

Defence

Hamilton's defence will face a tall order trying to contain a Saskatchewan offence that not only boasts a solid ground attack but a receiving corps with three 1,000-yard performers. The Riders' offensive line is one of the CFL's best.



Kent Austin THE CANADIAN PRESS

X-Factor

There's no denying the marvellous job Kent Austin has done in his first season as Hamilton's vice-president of football operations, general manager and head coach.

After a disappoint 6-12 season in 2012, Austin went to great lengths to increase Hamilton's talent base. But it's not a stretch to suggest by reaching the Grey Cup they've over-achieved and exceeded expectations.

Saskatchewan Roughriders

Offence

Running back Kory Sheets is the biggest concern for the Tiger-Cats. The Riders were second in CFL rushing, averaging 128.8 yards per game, and with Sunday's weather forecast calling for a low temperature of minus-12 C with 15 km/h winds, the ability to run the football will become very important.

Kory Sheets GETTY IMAGES

Defence

On the other side of the ball, the Riders boast a rugged, tenacious defence that was the CFL's toughest to score against. Saskatchewan allowed a league-low 22.1 points per game and last weekend against Calgary forced seven turnovers.

Geroy Simon THE CANADIAN PRESS

X-Factor

The Riders have the advantage in experience and were built to be here. GM Brendan Taman bolstered his leadership acquiring R Geroy Simon from B.C. and landing DB Dwight Anderson and DL Ricky Foley and John Chick in free agency. All four are Grey Cup champions. It's also QB Darian Durant's third career Grey Cup. The first two were losses, but Durant has been solid so far in the playoffs. **Pick:** Roughriders

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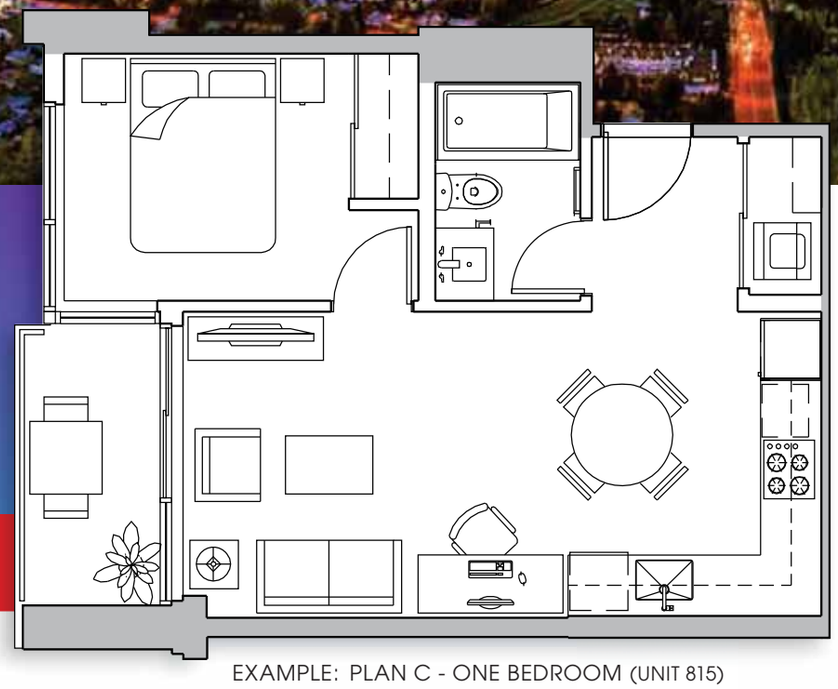

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Roughriders' Chick could've been a Ticat

Grey Cup coverage. After the NFL's Jaguars released the defensive end, the Tiger-Cats prepared a sizable offer to woo the star

Roughriders defensive end John Chick stretches at practice on Wednesday.
NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

John Chick could have been on the other side of the field this weekend. He chose the Saskatchewan Roughriders instead.

On Sunday, he will find out if he made the right decision.

The fourth-year defensive end will play in his third league championship game when the Riders host Hamilton in the 101st Grey Cup at Mosaic Stadium.

"This is where I played before. This was more like home to me," Chick said Wednesday following Saskatchewan's practice. "It was the best opportunity. There was no other answer for me."

Chick played for the Riders from 2007-09 before leaving for three seasons in the NFL.

The suitors came calling when he was released by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the spring and it was reported that the Ticats were prepared to make him a substantial offer.

But like the 27 quarterbacks he's dropped behind the line of scrimmage in his CFL career, the rumour mill ground to a halt at the end of May when Chick finally signed with the Roughriders.

"I don't even want to think about that," Chick said of his conversations with the Ticats. "There was talk and I had communication with (Hamilton head coach and GM) Kent Austin. Obviously he coached me in '07 here and (it was) just more so talking.

"I'm happy for him that he's got a good job over there but we'll be friends after this game."

Chick made friends with Austin very quickly during his storybook beginning to his CFL career in 2007.

He was Saskatchewan's nominee for rookie of the year honours and contributed a forced fumble and a quarterback sack in the league championship game as the Riders beat Winnipeg for their first Grey Cup in 18 years.

His exit, by contrast, was almost the polar opposite.

Chick jetted south almost immediately on the heels of the infamous 13th-man debacle that cost Saskatchewan the 2009 Grey Cup.

The Riders struggled following his departure, losing the 2010 Grey Cup and following that with seasons of five and eight wins.

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Grey Cup

Frostbitten Ticats had 'great time' out in the snow

Several Tiger-Cats emerged from their first Grey Cup practice with frostbite from frigid Mosaic Stadium in Regina.

But Paul Osbaldiston, Hamilton's assistant special teams and kicking coach, said the team still relished the championship game workout.

"I loved playing in the snow," the former longtime Hamilton kicker said Thursday at a media breakfast. "I saw it as something different and fun and a challenge. Our guys had a great time out there (Wednesday). We ended up with a couple of frostbite situations. But the guys didn't complain, they practised hard."

Osbaldiston said the frostbite was nothing serious "but it tells you how cold it is."

Wednesday's temperature was listed at minus-16 but it felt like minus-28. It was chillier Thursday morning at minus-21, which felt like minus-31. The forecast is improved for game-day Sunday with a daytime high of zero, feeling like minus-five. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	22	14	6	2	61	41	30
Tampa Bay	21	14	7	0	66	55	28
Toronto	22	13	8	1	64	53	27
Detroit	23	10	6	7	58	65	27
Montreal	22	11	9	2	58	47	24
Ottawa	22	8	10	4	63	71	20
Florida	23	6	13	4	50	76	16
Buffalo	24	5	18	1	43	76	11

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	22	14	8	0	63	48	28
Washington	22	12	9	1	69	63	25
NY Rangers	22	11	11	0	46	54	22
New Jersey	21	8	8	5	46	52	21
Philadelphia	21	9	10	2	44	51	20
Carolina	22	8	10	4	43	63	20
Columbus	22	8	11	3	54	65	19
NY Islanders	22	8	11	3	63	73	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	23	15	4	4	85	69	34
St. Louis	21	15	3	3	73	49	33
Colorado	21	16	5	0	68	45	32
Minnesota	23	14	5	4	61	53	32
Dallas	21	11	8	2	60	59	24
Nashville	22	11	9	2	52	65	24
Winnipeg	24	10	11	3	64	72	23

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	24	15	6	3	75	63	33
Phoenix	22	14	4	4	76	70	32
San Jose	21	13	3	5	72	50	31
Los Angeles	22	15	6	1	63	48	31
Vancouver	23	11	8	4	58	61	26
Calgary	22	7	11	4	60	81	18
Edmonton	24	7	15	2	64	84	16

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's results
St. Louis 3 Boston 2 (SO)
Nashville 4 Toronto 2
Philadelphia 4 Buffalo 1
Detroit 4 Carolina 3
Chicago 6 Winnipeg 3
NY Rangers 3 Dallas 2
Colorado 4 Phoenix 3 (OT)
Edmonton 4 Florida 1
New Jersey at Los Angeles
Tampa Bay at San Jose
Wednesday's results
Minnesota 4 Ottawa 3
Pittsburgh 4 Washington 0
New Jersey 4 Anaheim 3 (OT)
Columbus 2 Calgary 1 (OT)
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Florida at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Carolina at Boston, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Detroit, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
New Jersey at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

MLS PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Two-game series; aggregate goals)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

KANSAS CITY VS HOUSTON

Leg 2 — Saturday's game
Houston at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

REAL SALT LAKE VS PORTLAND

Leg 2 — Sunday's game
Real Salt Lake at Portland, 9 p.m.

CFL PLAYOFFS

101ST GREY CUP

Sunday's game — All Times Eastern
Hamilton at Saskatchewan, 6 p.m.

DIVISION FINALS

EAST DIVISION
Sunday's result
Hamilton 36 Toronto 24

WEST DIVISION
Sunday's result
Saskatchewan 35 Calgary 13

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	10	1	.909	—
Miami	9	3	.750	1 1/2
Chicago	6	3	.667	3
Toronto	5	7	.417	5 1/2
Atlanta	7	5	.583	3 1/2
Charlotte	6	6	.500	4 1/2
Philadelphia	5	8	.385	6
Detroit	4	7	.364	6
Washington	4	7	.364	6
Orlando	4	7	.364	6
Cleveland	4	8	.333	6 1/2
Boston	4	9	.308	7
New York	3	8	.273	7
Brooklyn	3	8	.273	7
Milwaukee	2	8	.200	7 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	10	1	.909	—
Portland	10	2	.833	1/2
Oklahoma City	8	3	.727	2
Golden State	8	4	.667	2 1/2
Dallas	8	4	.667	2 1/2
L.A. Clippers	8	5	.615	3
Houston	8	5	.615	3
Memphis	7	5	.583	3 1/2
Minnesota	7	6	.538	4
Phoenix	5	6	.455	5
New Orleans	5	6	.455	5
L.A. Lakers	5	7	.417	5 1/2
Denver	4	6	.400	5 1/2
Sacramento	4	7	.364	6
Utah	1	12	.077	10

x - clinched playoff berth; **y** - division; **z** - conference.

Thursday's results
Oklahoma City 105 L.A. Clippers 91
Chicago at Denver
Wednesday's results
Indiana 103 New York 96
Washington 98 Cleveland 91
Charlotte 95 Brooklyn 91
Toronto 108 Philadelphia 98
Miami 120 Orlando 92
Atlanta 93 Detroit 85
Portland 91 Milwaukee 82
New Orleans 105 Utah 98
L.A. Clippers 102 Minnesota 98
San Antonio 104 Boston 93
Sacramento 113 Phoenix 106
Dallas 123 Houston 120
Memphis 88 Golden State 81

Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
As the Sun moves into your fellow Fire sign of Sagittarius today, your confidence will come flooding back and you will wonder why you doubted yourself. If you like the idea of travelling, now is the time to pack a bag and just go.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Money matters will be on your mind over the next few days and you must do whatever it takes to make sure your cash stays in your pocket. Don't let anyone fool you into believing you can get rich quick.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You like to get your way and most of the time you do but today, let the other guy win. You will need other people's co-operation over the next few weeks to get what you need, so give them what they need too.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Slow down before you burn yourself out. That is the message of the planets today and if you are wise you'll heed it. Not even a go-getting Cancer can keep up this pace forever.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may want to get back at people who have let you down but is it worth the effort? No it is not. Within a matter of hours you will have more important things to take care of. Let it go.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Loved ones will be touchy today, so don't say or do anything that might make them even more angry. If you poke, they'll poke back harder.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A more light-hearted phase begins for you today as the Sun changes signs. Money, work and family worries won't disappear immediately but you won't have sleepless nights .

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The Sun leaves your birth sign today but you haven't missed your chance to make your mark. On the contrary, over the next few weeks you will get the chance to build on foundations that have been laid.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
As the Sun moves into your birth sign today, you have every right to follow your heart. Life is too short to worry what other people think. Just do what comes naturally and enjoy every moment.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
There is so much that needs changing in your life but where do you start? The most obvious place is inside your head. Make clear what it is you most desire and how you can get it.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be desperate to make a good impression on colleagues but you are more likely to do so if you take on just one task at a time. Focus on what really matters.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun crosses the career angle of your chart today. Among other things, that means you will get the chance to show what you can do. Know what you are aiming for.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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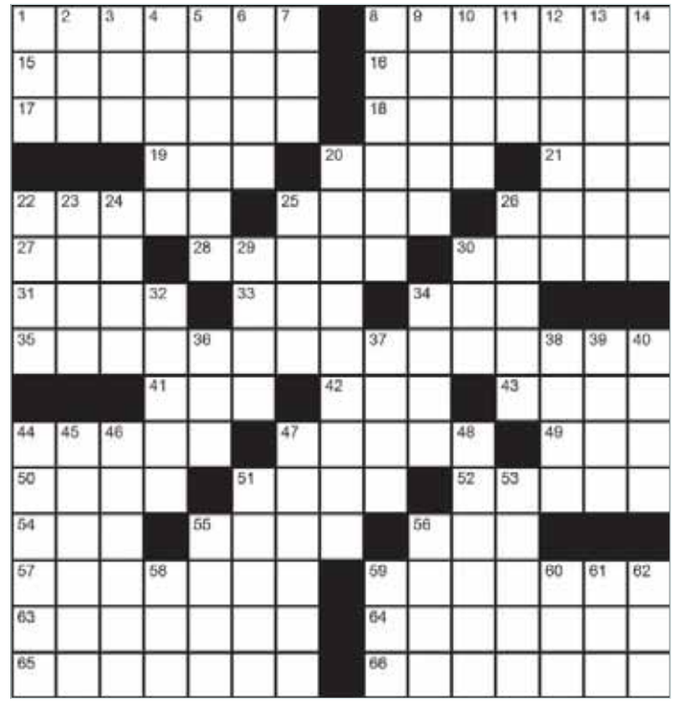
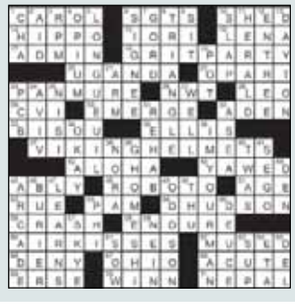


Across
1. President remembered today
8. Sorting systems in medical emergencies
15. Gathered, as information
16. Most strange
17. 1995 Natasha Henstridge Sci-Fi movie
18. Church assistant
19. Tiny tallness
20. Go across
21. Body of water
22. Doom's pal
25. Above
26. Unwanted plant
27. Tractor trailer
28. Valuable virtue
30. Like an in-the-garden squirmer
31. Listeners
33. Bug
34. Comic character's cry!
35. REGINA: Big sports crowd this weekend, The 101st: 3 wds.
41. Towels holder
42. Go downhill
43. City sign's light
44. Self-righteous
47. Devoutness
49. Avant-garde artist Yoko
50. Riviere-du-__, Quebec
51. George of "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"
52. Painting studio sight
54. TV commercials
55. Scarce
56. Lass
57. Sodium __
59. Pensive
63. Dough prepper
64. Gush about
65. Religious lectures
66. Type of weapon

Down
1. Li'l metric weights
2. "Lucky Man" gr.
3. Society pages word
4. Tortilla treat
5. Conundrum
6. Bug repellent ingredient
7. Fabric store measurements, for short
8. Crochet a cozy for one
9. Sports play summary
10. Laundry room appliance
11. Garlic: French
12. Yellowstone attraction
13. Self-__
14. Calm
20. Move out of the way: 2 wds.
22. Marcia's TV brother
23. Untruther
24. Monster
25. At-work's NOW!
26. Stirred from sleep
29. Particular poker
30. Dynasty of China
32. Pancakes topping
34. Modifiy
36. The __ (Comedian Bill, informally)
37. Cute li'l instruments
38. Modernists
39. Funnel shape
40. Organic compound
44. They're walked on movie ships
45. Solution applied to wounds
46. Expulsion
47. Veggie de-peeling devices
48. Like bread dough
51. Devoured
53. Howe'er
55. James __ (Co-writer of Broadway musical Hair)
56. Actress Ms. Gershon
58. Aries, The __
59. Spider's work of art
60. Good times
61. Function
62. Allow

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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2		7		1		8		3
			3		9			
		9	4		2	3		
		2	7		3	5		
			6		8			
1		6		9		4		8
8		5				2		6

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	6	9	4	5	2	1	8	7
8	2	4	7	9	1	3	6	5
7	1	5	3	8	6	9	2	4
6	5	1	2	3	9	7	4	8
2	9	7	8	1	4	6	5	3
4	3	8	5	6	7	2	9	1
1	8	2	9	4	3	5	7	6
5	7	3	6	2	8	4	1	9
9	4	6	1	7	5	8	3	2

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